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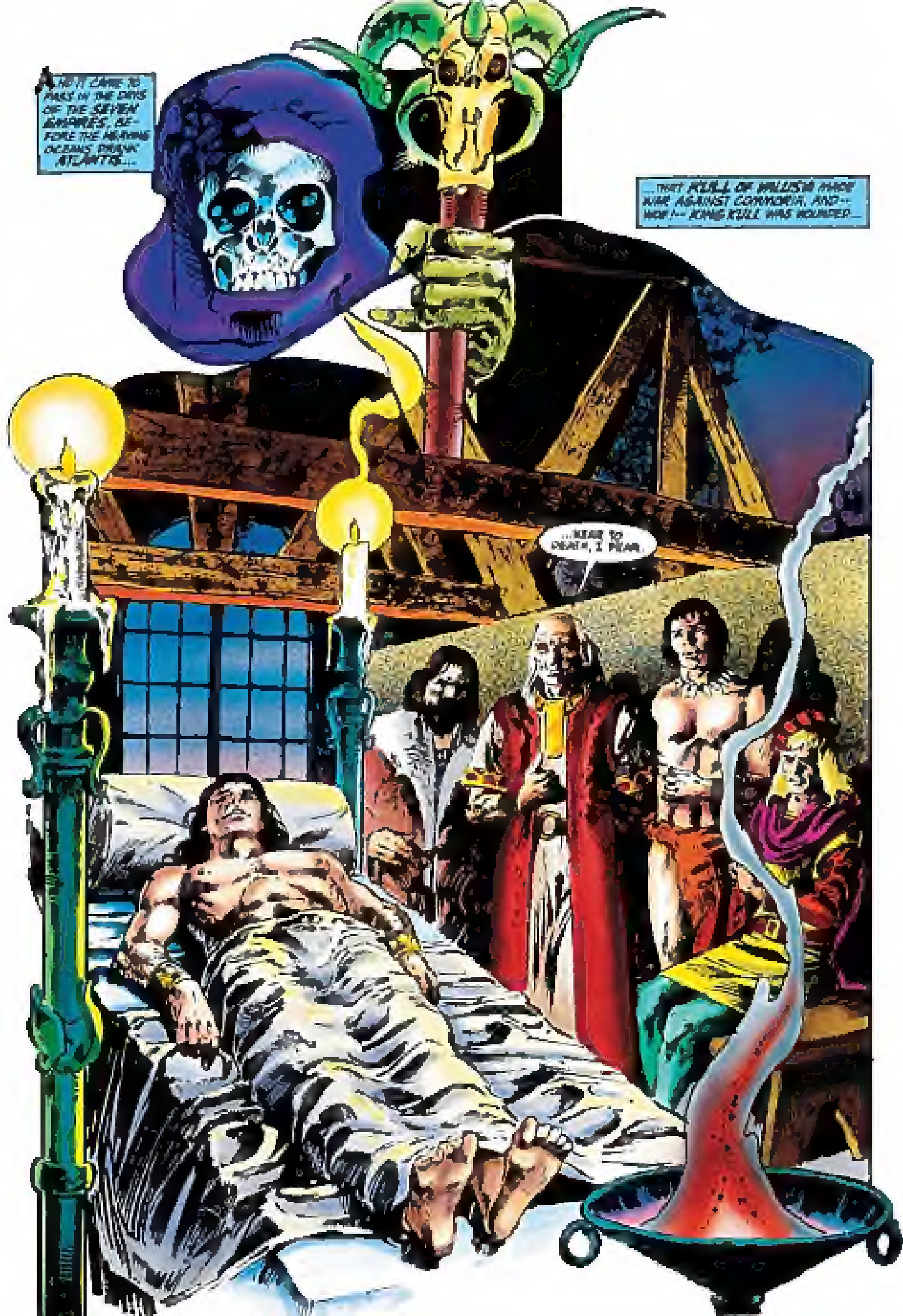
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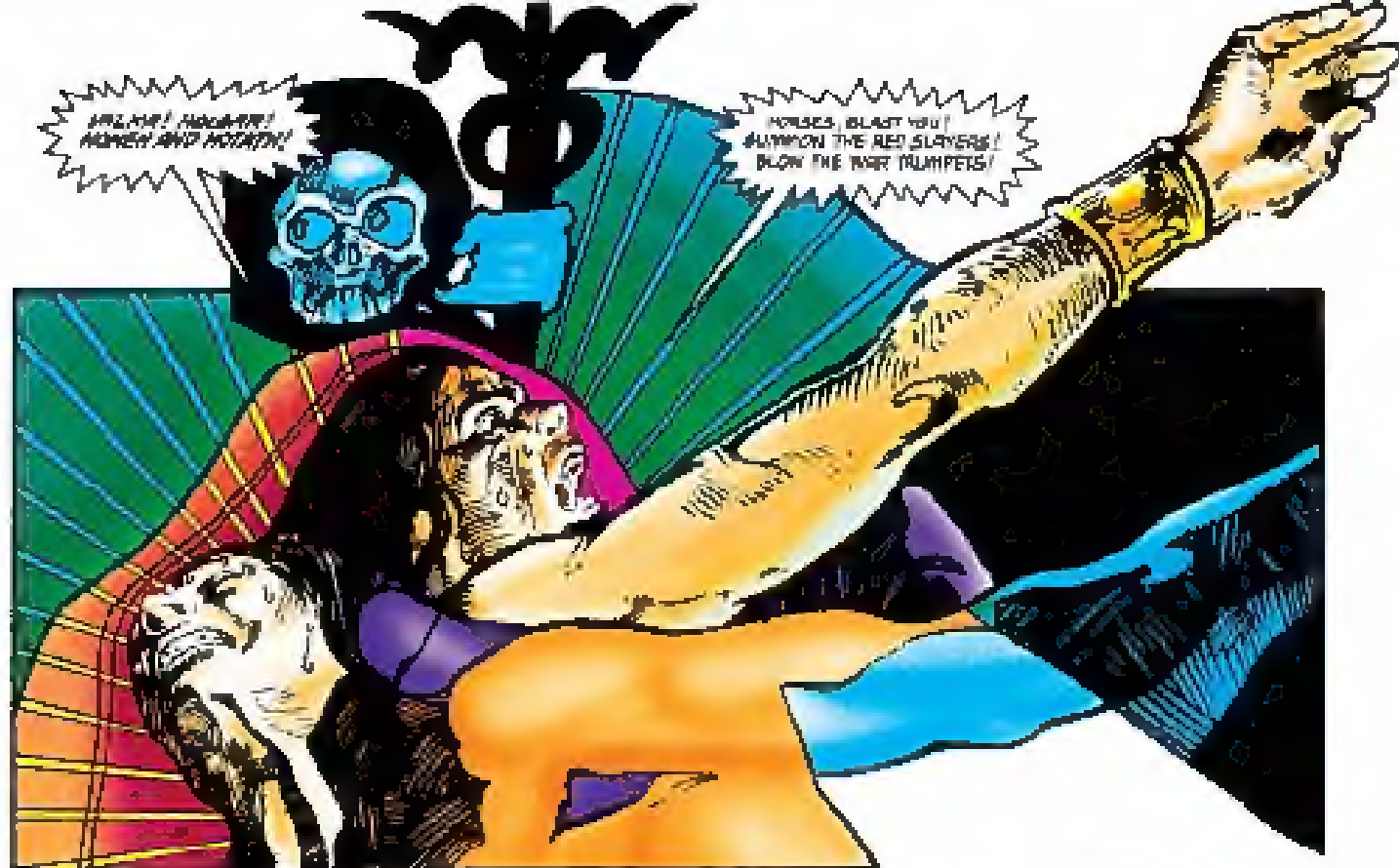


...HE CAME TO  
PASS IN THE DAYS  
OF THE SEVEN  
EMPIRES, BE-  
FORE THE HEAVEN  
OCEANS DROOK  
ATLANTIS...

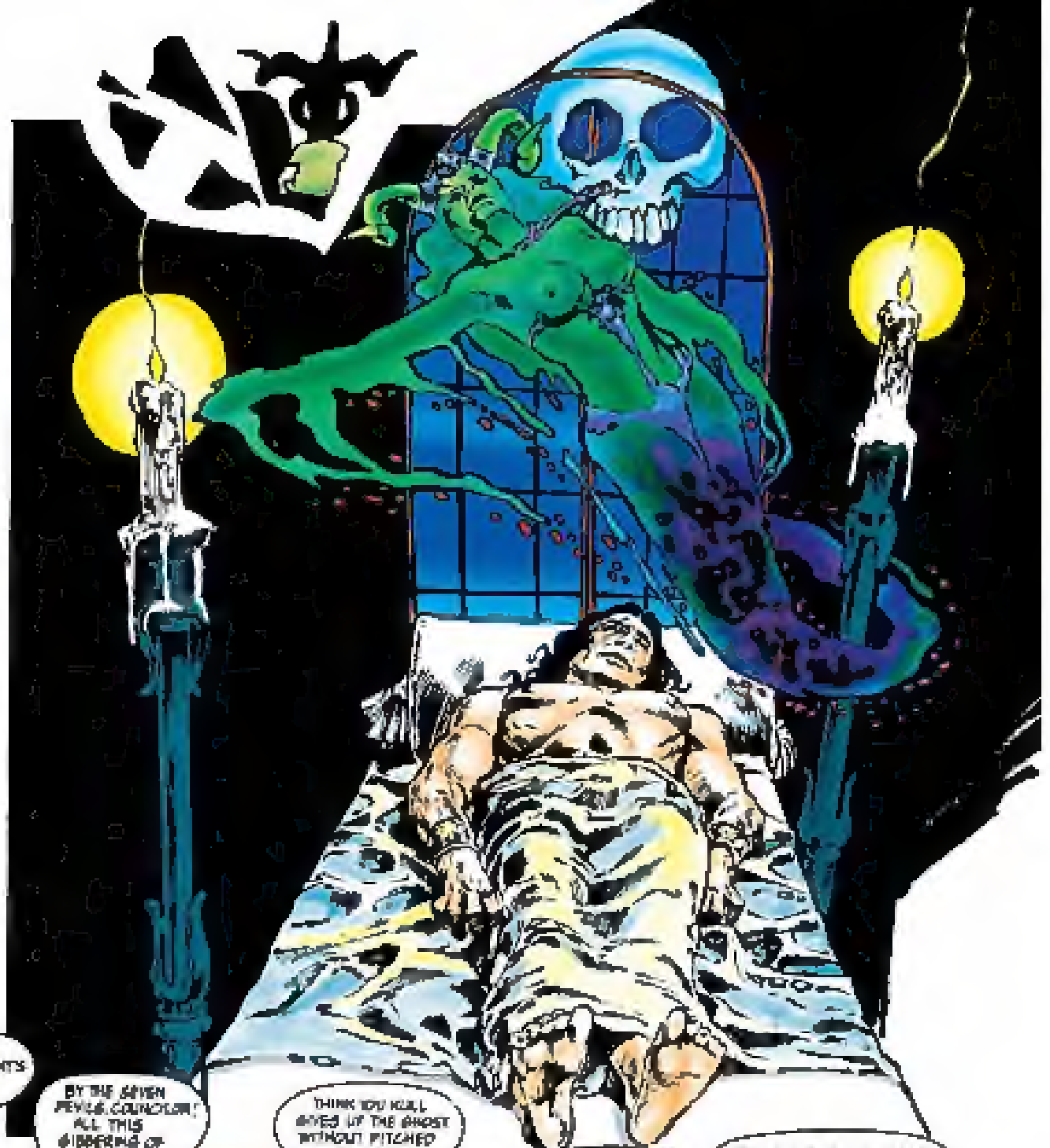
THEY KILL OF WILLISB MADE  
HIM AGAINST COMMON, AND--  
WOM I-- SOME KILL WAS WOUNDED

...NEAR TO  
DEATH, I FEEL









ALAS, I FEAR  
THIS DARK NIGHT'S  
VIGIL NEARS  
ITS END...

BY THE SEVEN  
DEVILS COUNTESS!  
ALL THIS  
SHIBBERING OF  
DEATH!

THINK YOU'LL  
GIVE UP THE GHOST  
WITHOUT  
PITCHED  
BATTLE?

SAH! HERE'S A MAN  
NOT KILLED ONE-TWO-  
THREE FOR ALL THE  
WOUNDS HE WEARS.

KNOW THIS—THE SHAYANS  
KNOW MY PEOPLE OUT ON  
THE PICTISH ISLES SPEAK IN  
AVOID WHISPERS OF ONLY  
ONE ATLANTIAN...



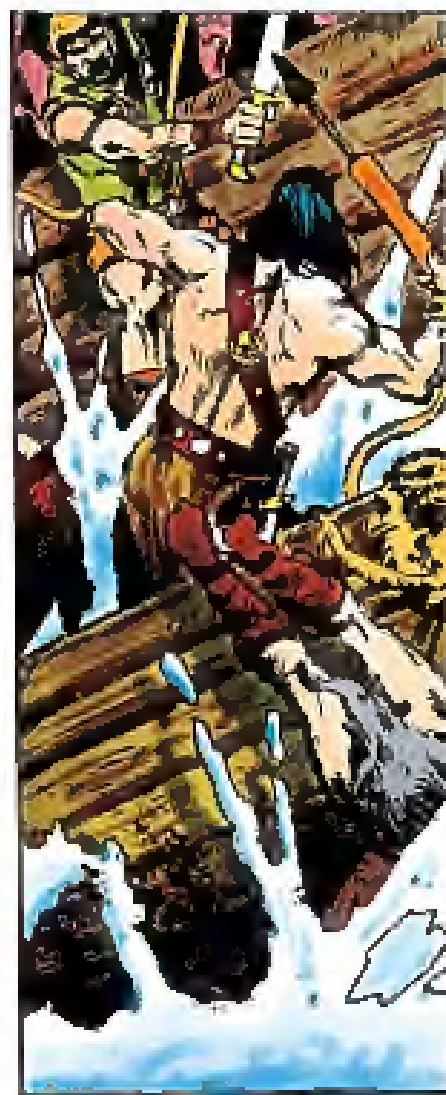
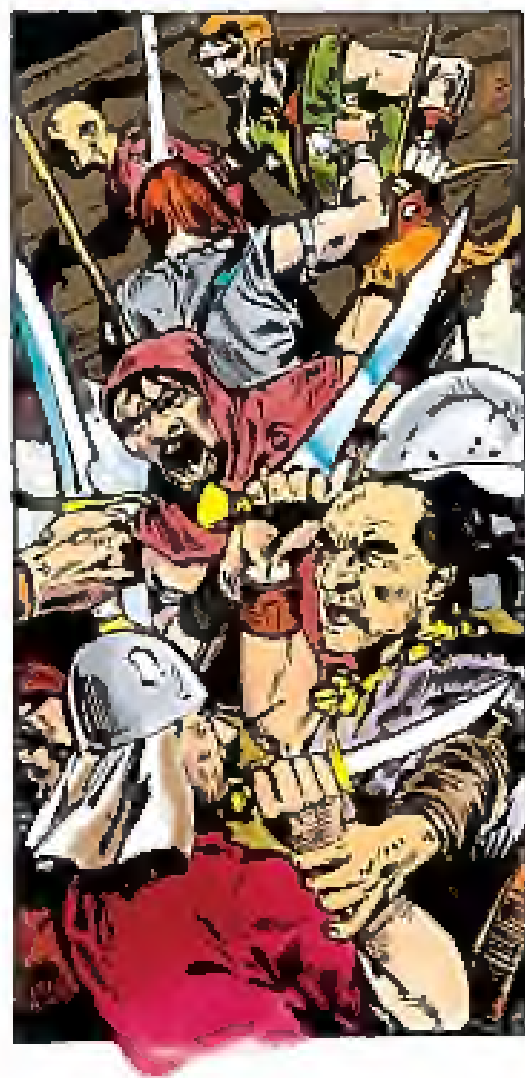
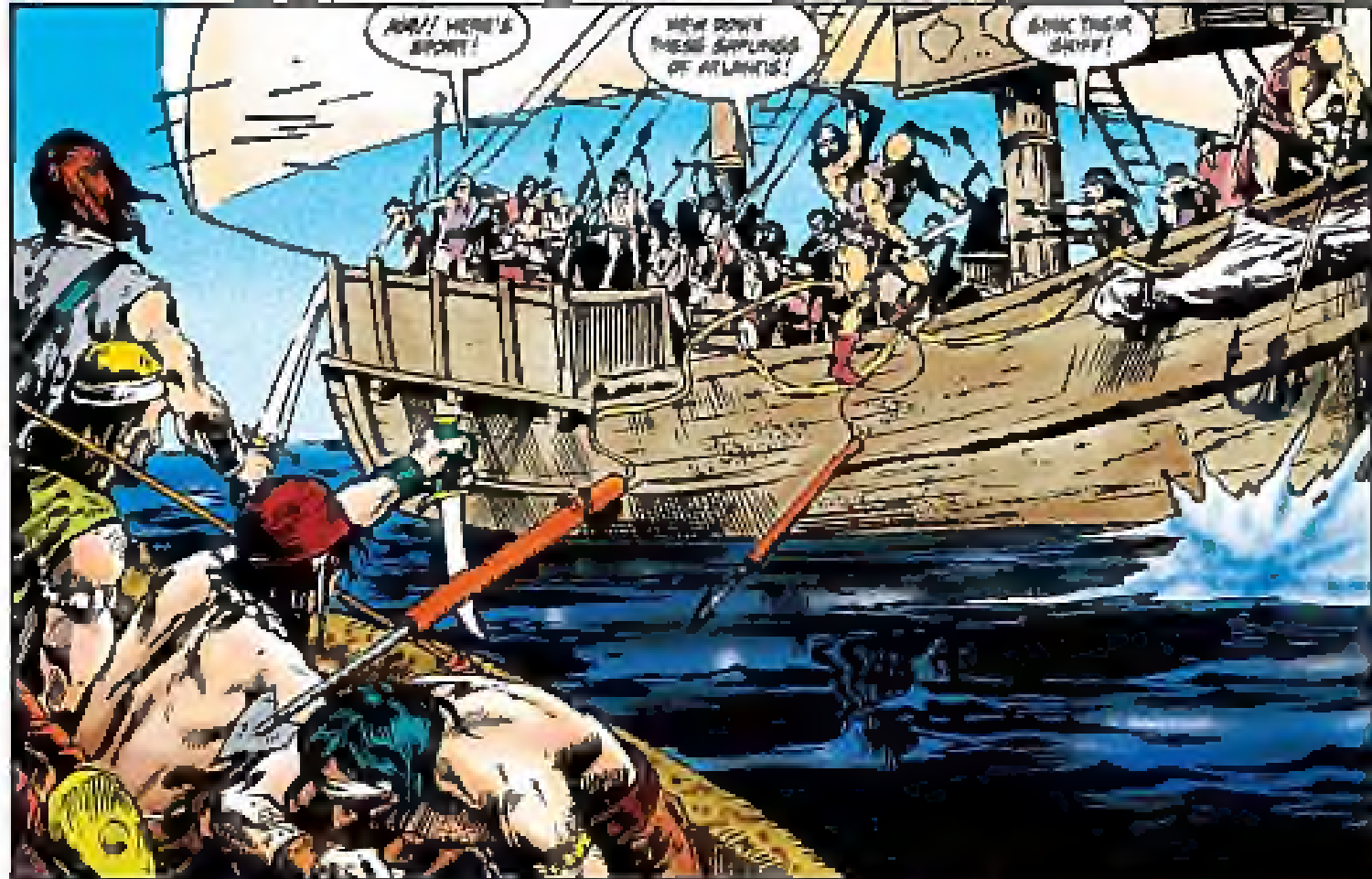


"IT HAPPENED, THEY SAY, ON  
THE OPEN WESTERN SEA..."

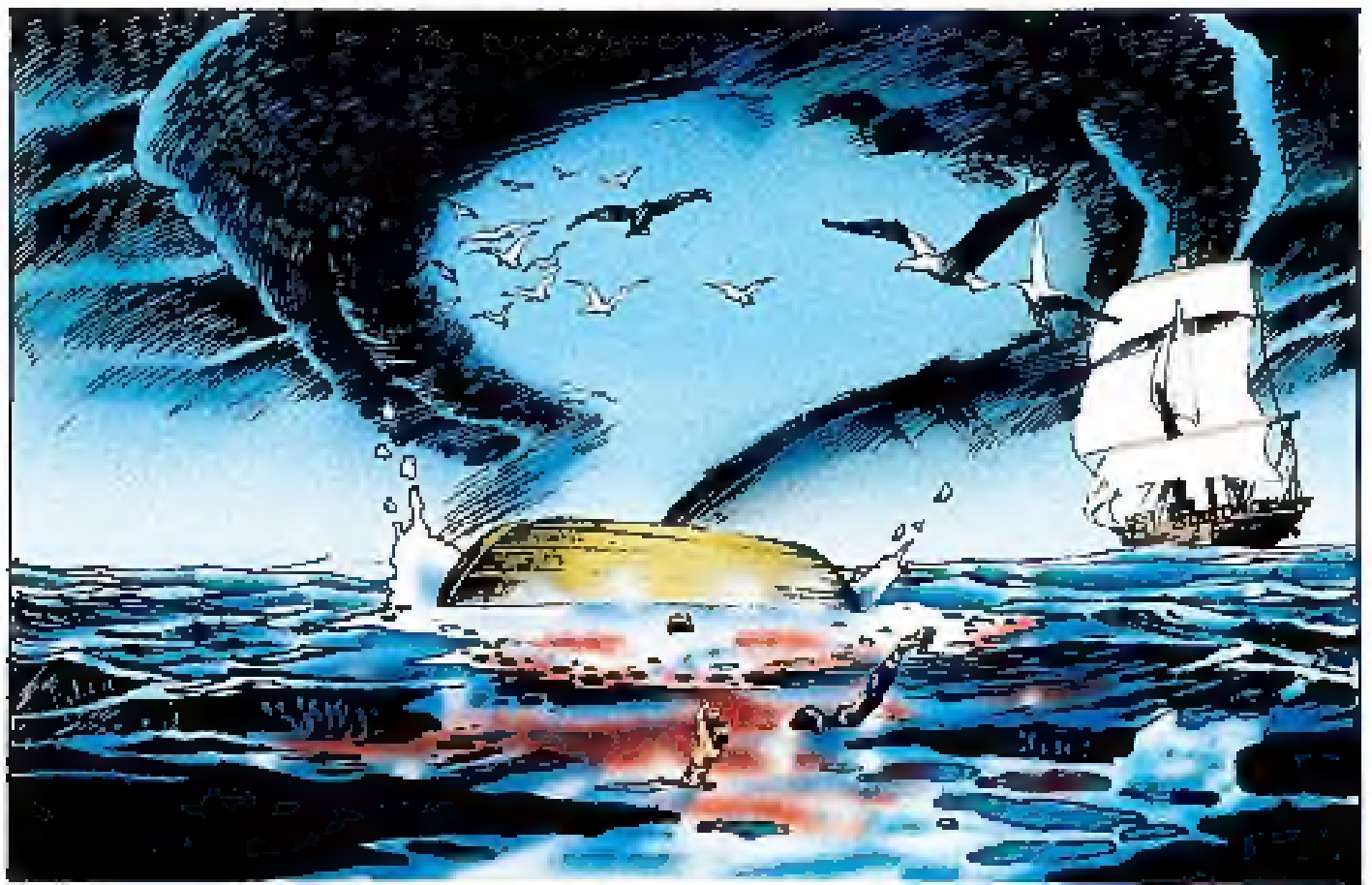
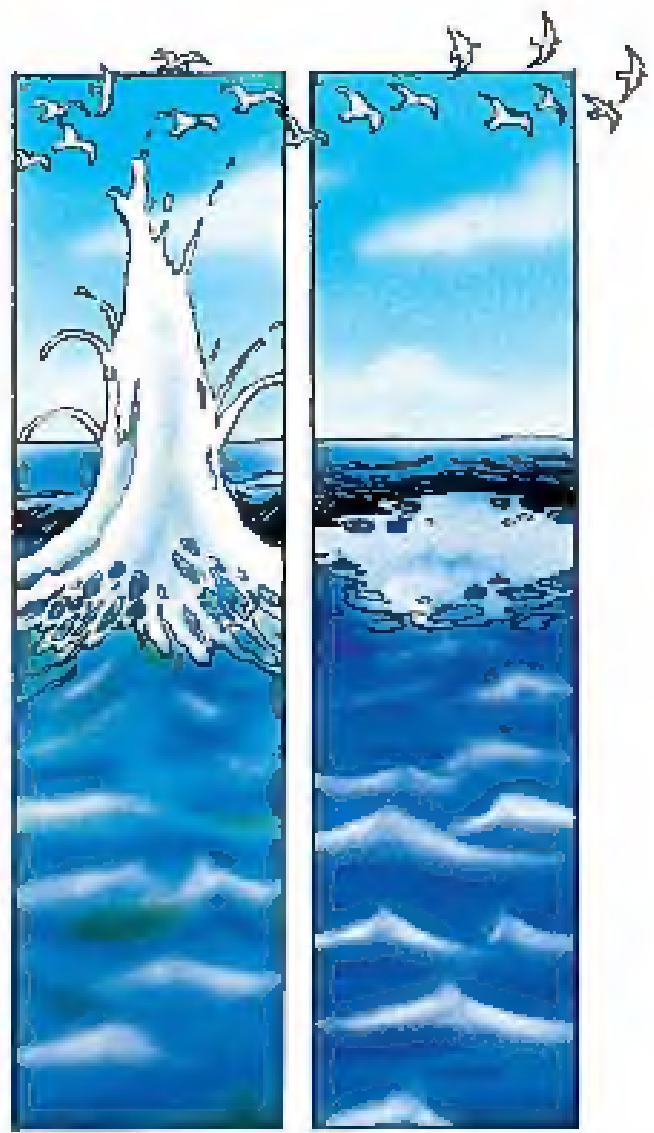


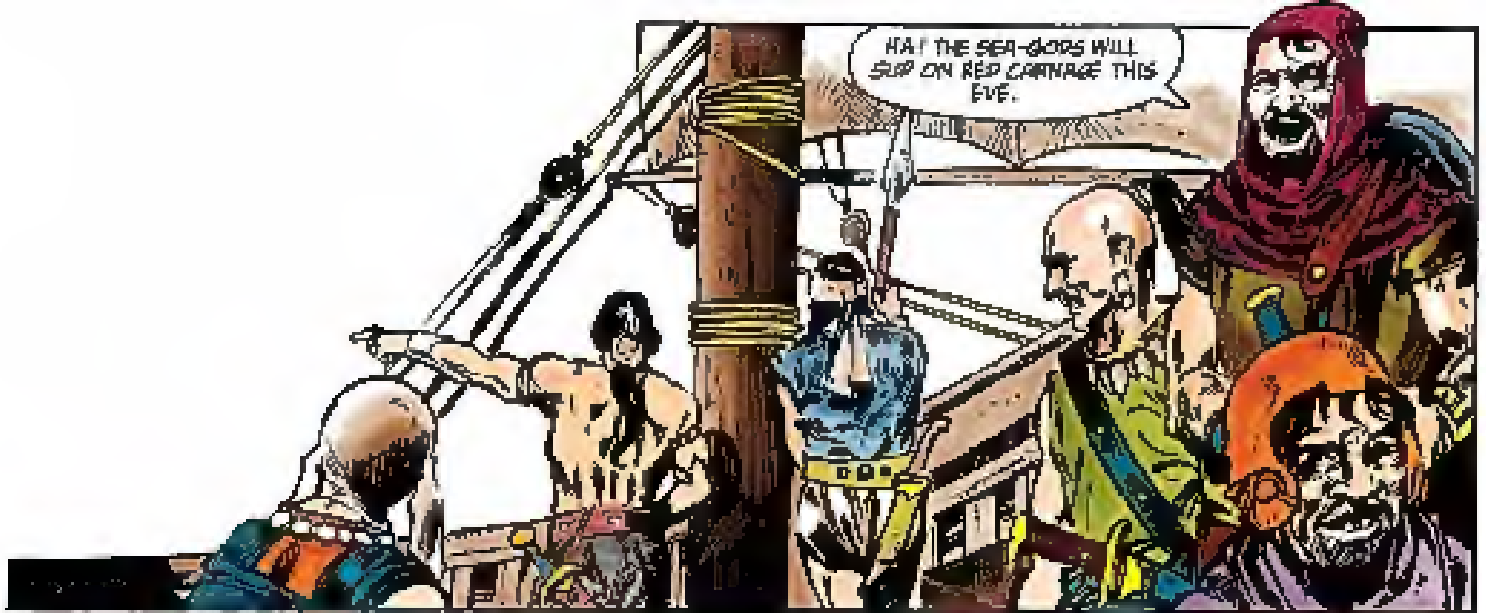
BUT NO! THESE  
WATERS ARE FREE FOR  
ALL TO SAIL...





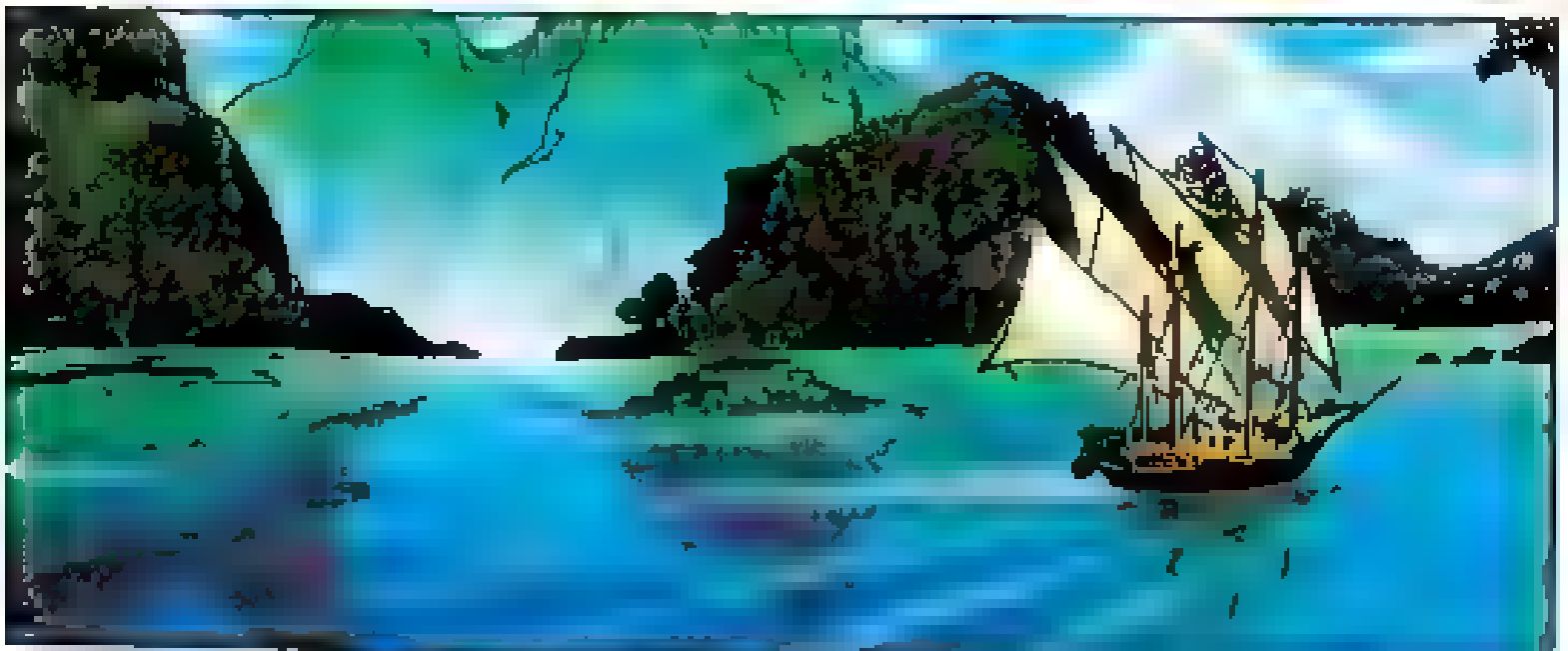
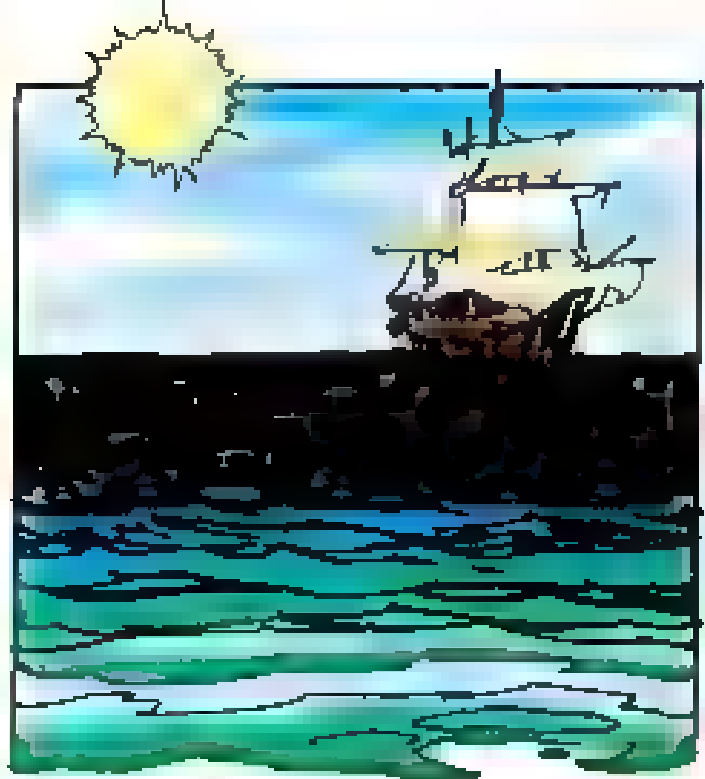


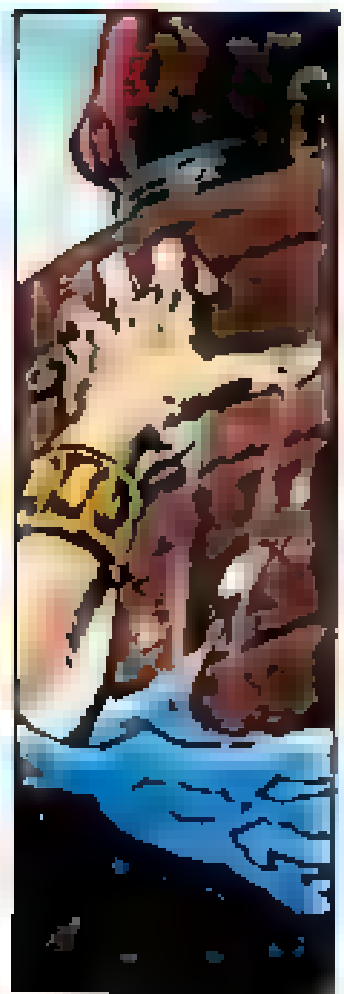
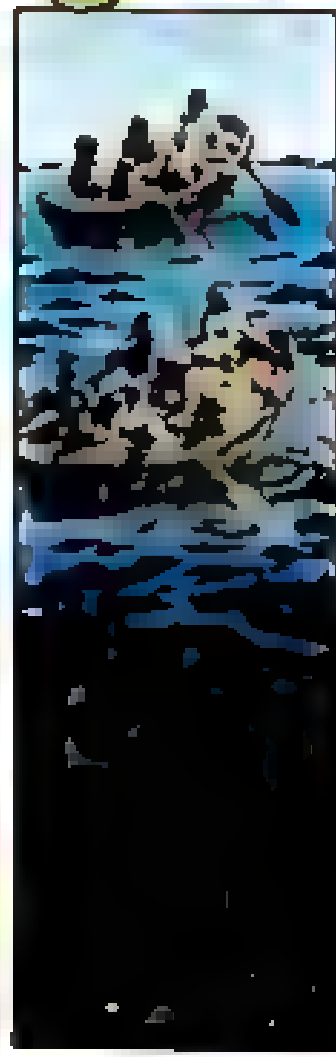
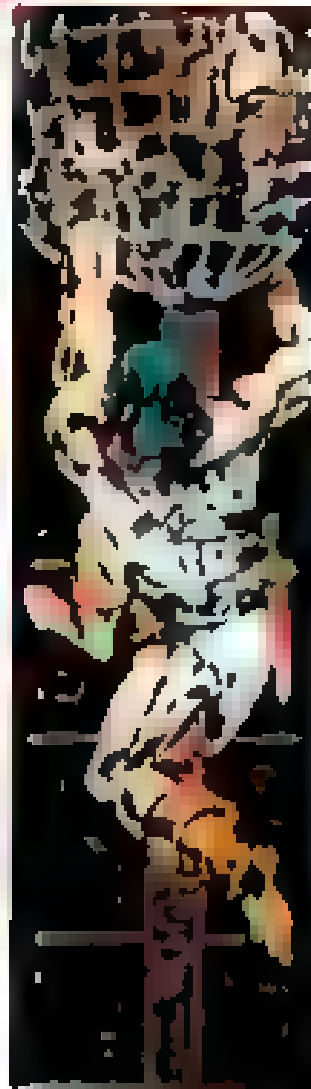


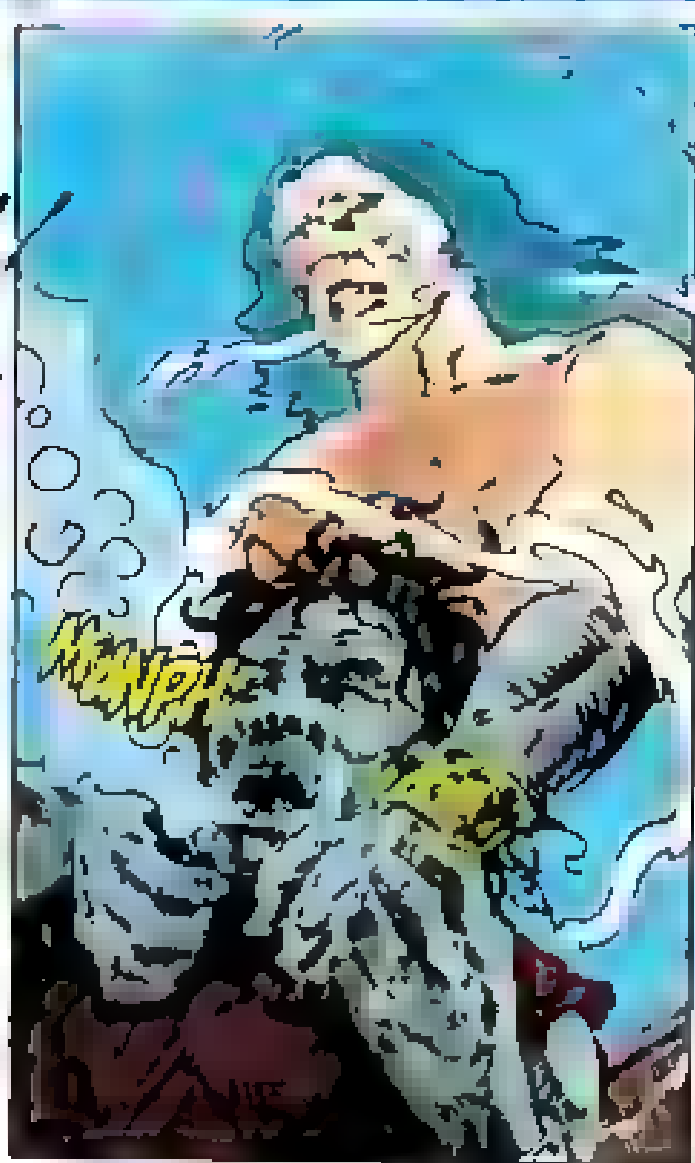
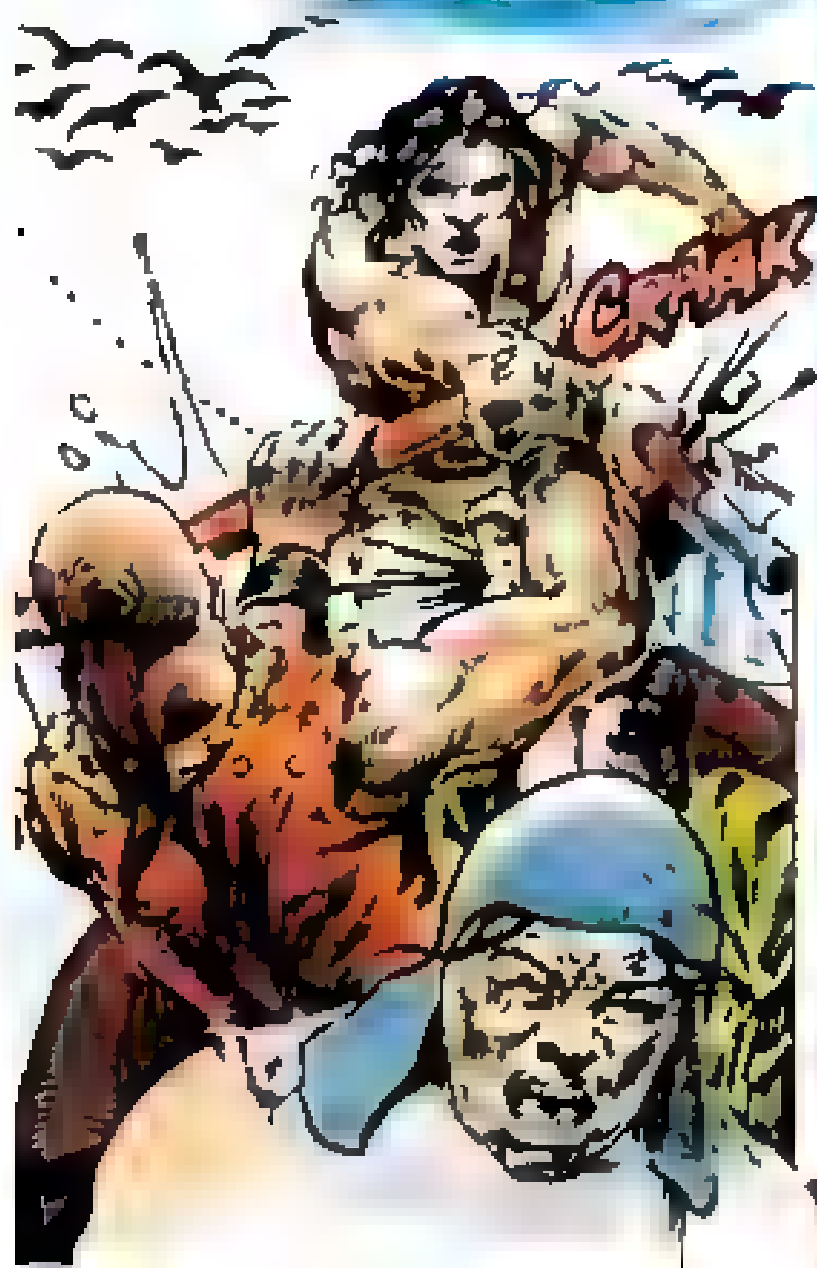


"ONE, AND ONE ALONE,  
THE SHYTHANS OF MY  
PEOPLE SAY..."









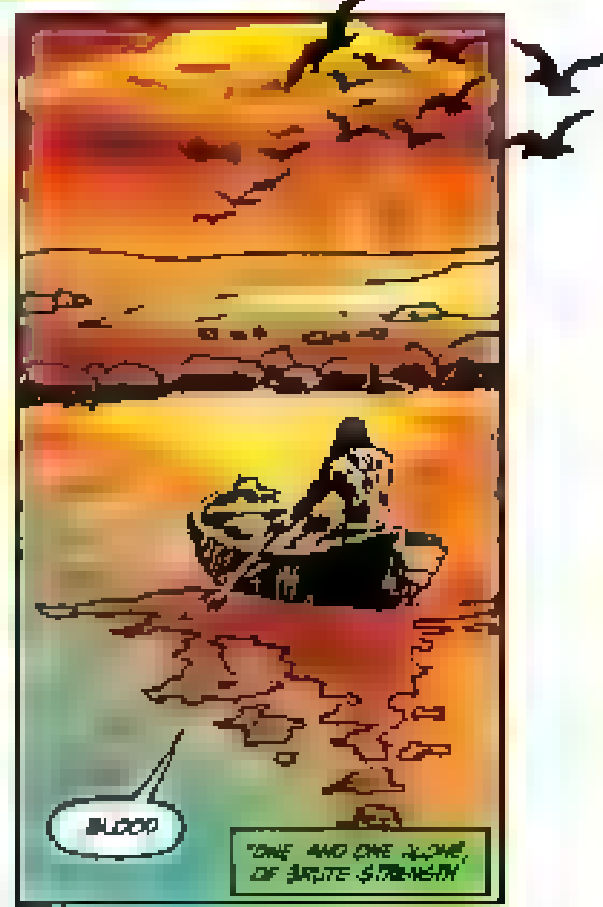
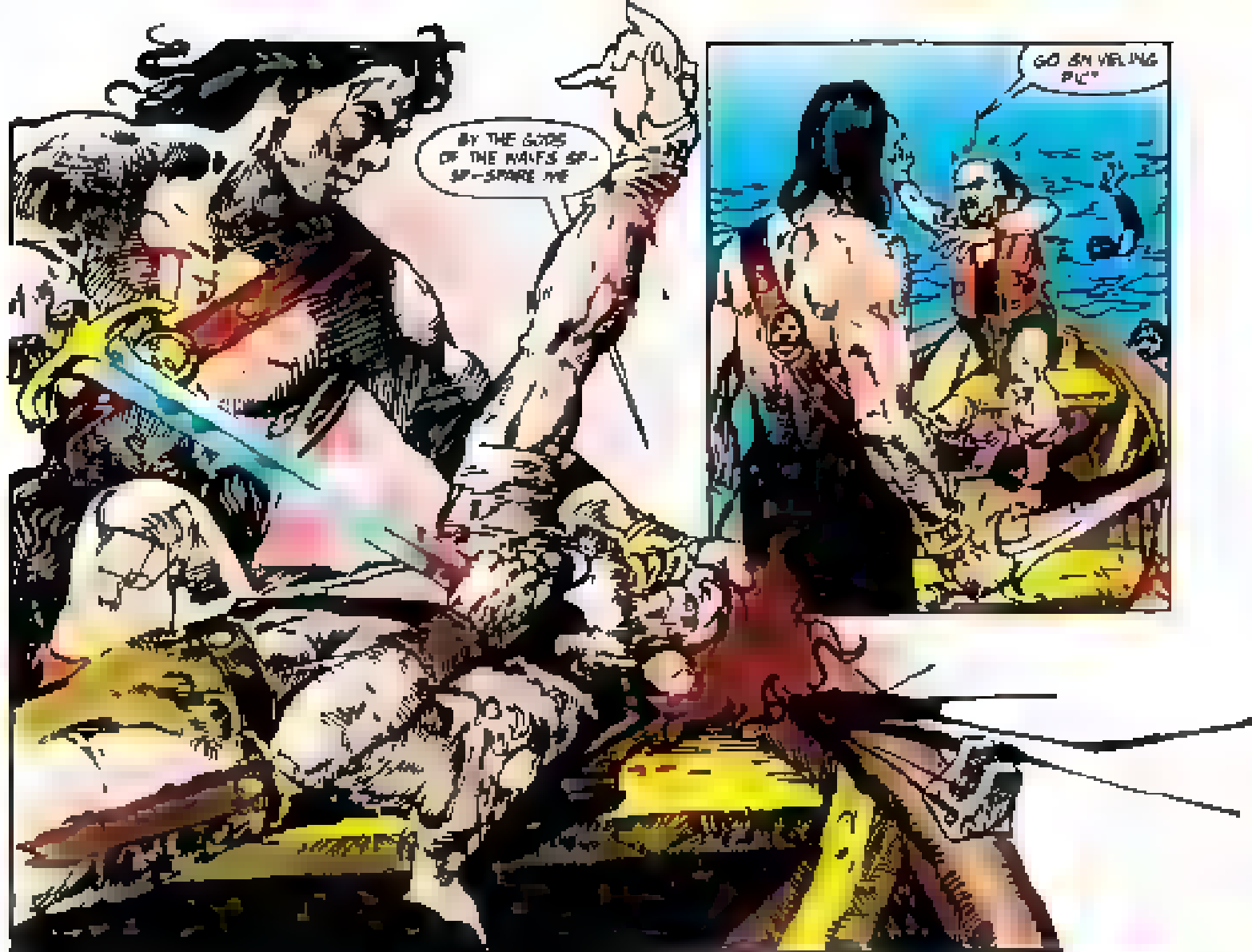






THEY'VE GOT HIM!  
HE'S A GUN!

BLISS  
AND THE  
GIRL  
ARE  
GONE!



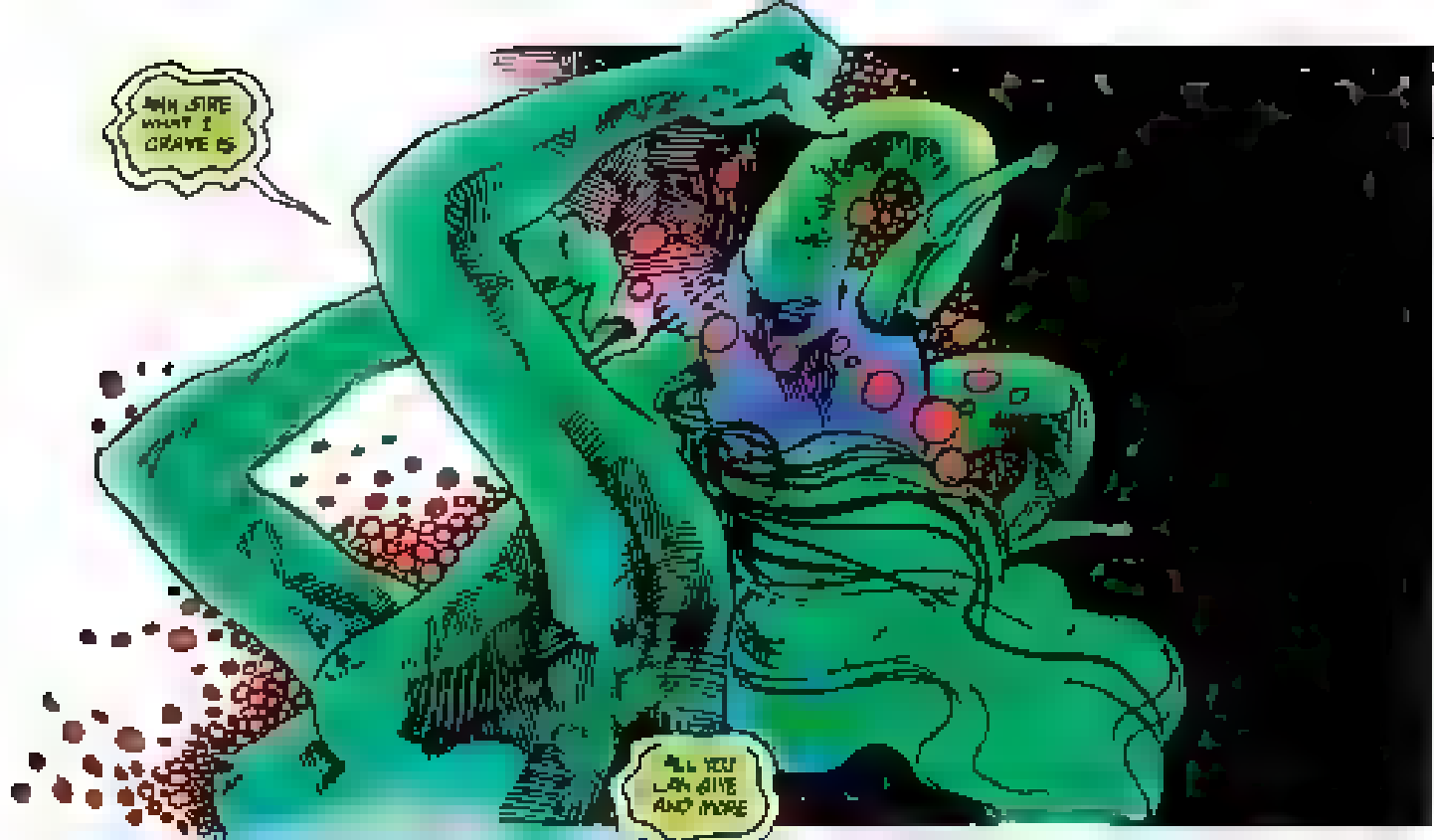
"AMONG OTHER THINGS  
THIS OUR LORD WHO  
LIES BEFORE US."

"WE'LL SPEAK  
WOMAN WHAT ROOM  
IS IT NOW GRAVE?"


"HEAR THERE  
OUR KING'S BRAVINGS  
SPEAR SLAYER WILE  
YOU STILL DENY?"

"COUNCILOR 'TU  
SPEAKS THE TRUTH  
SAULE"

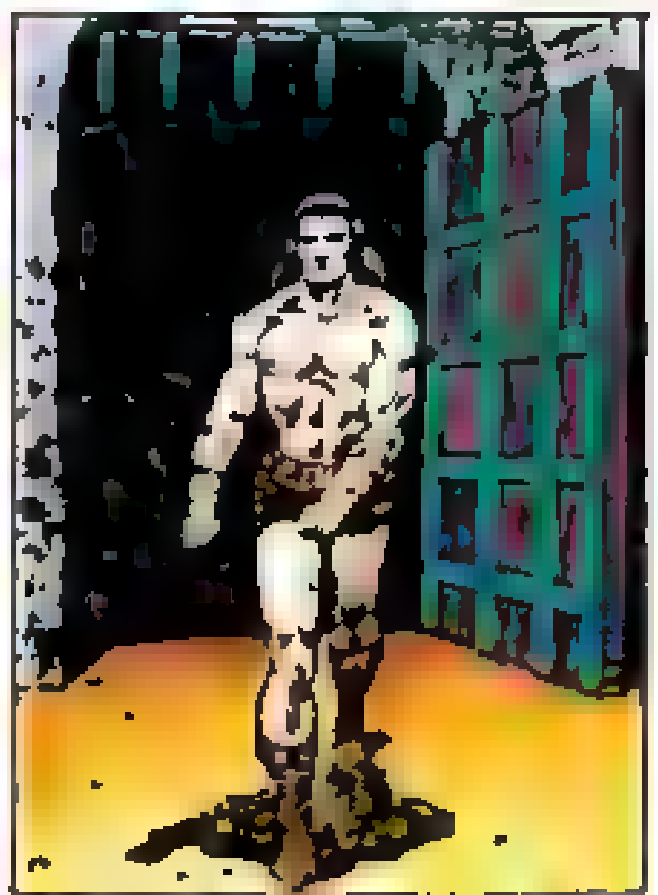
"KILL KANTS TO  
THE EMPTY AIR AS  
A MAN IN THE LAST  
THROES OF AGONY"

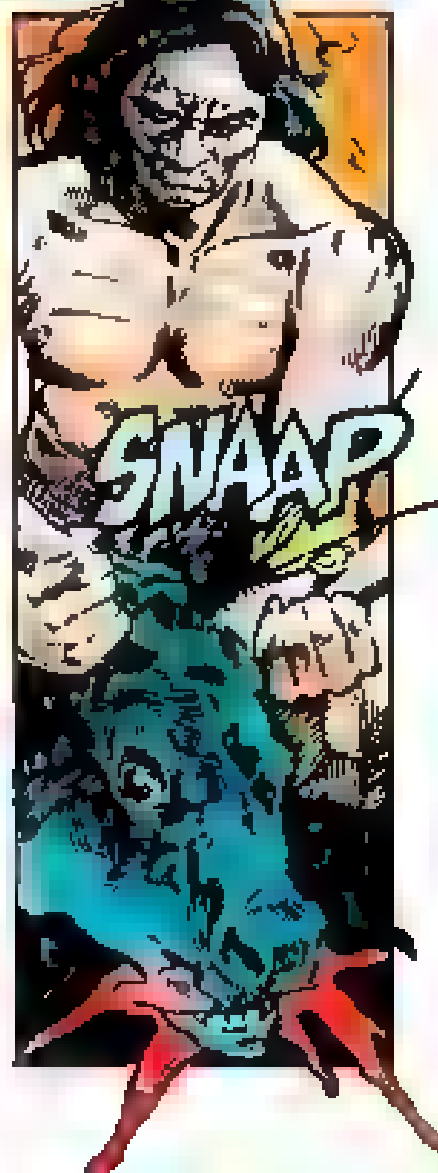
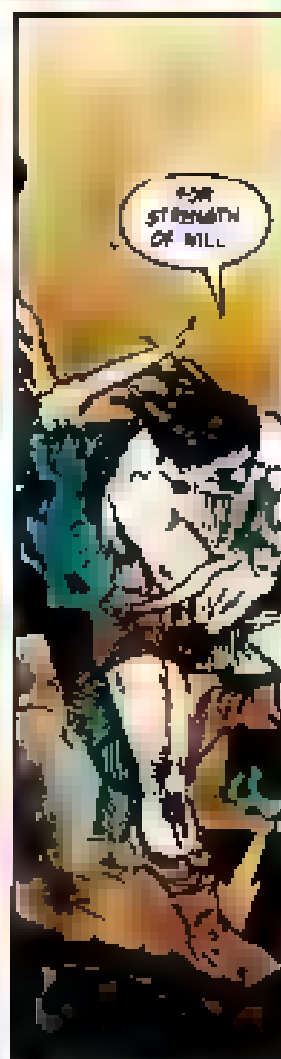
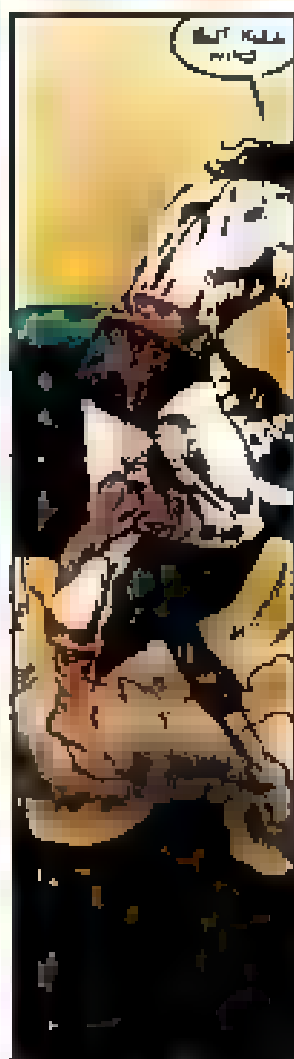
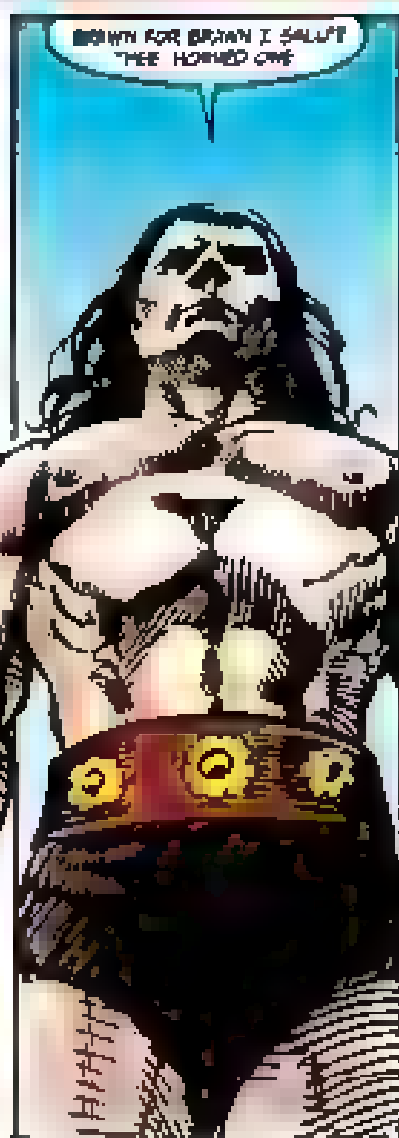






WHEN FIRST I WITNESSED  
THE BARBON NAMED KULL IN  
THE MOUNTAINS OF THE NORTH





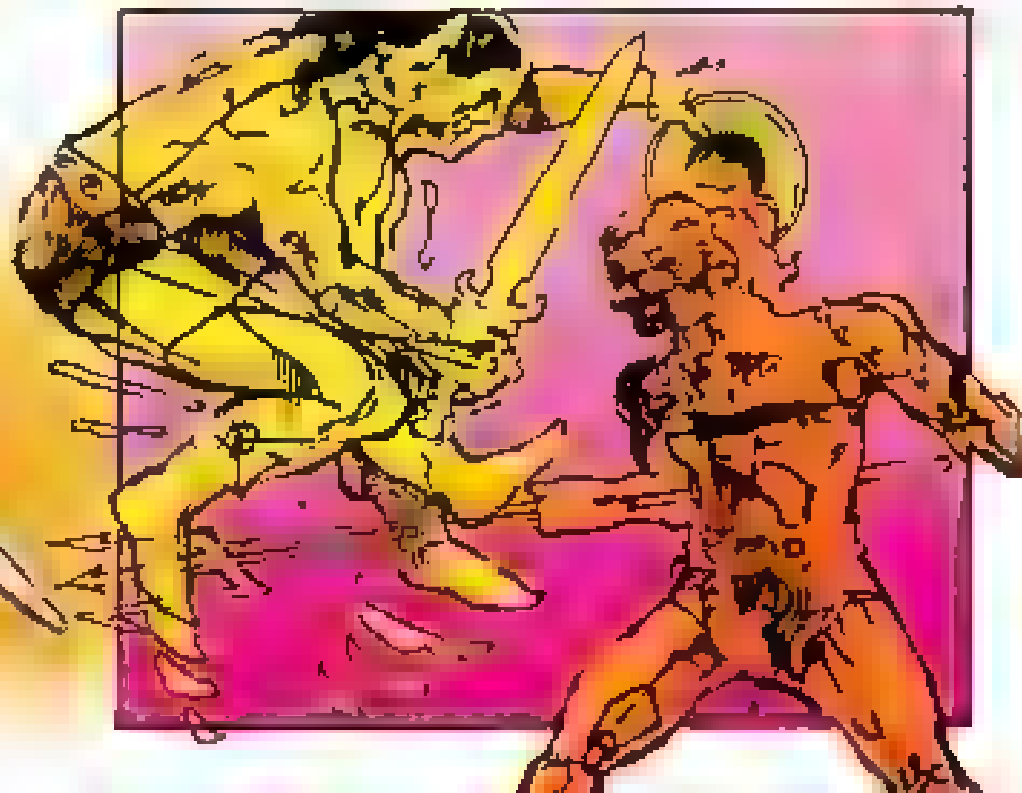


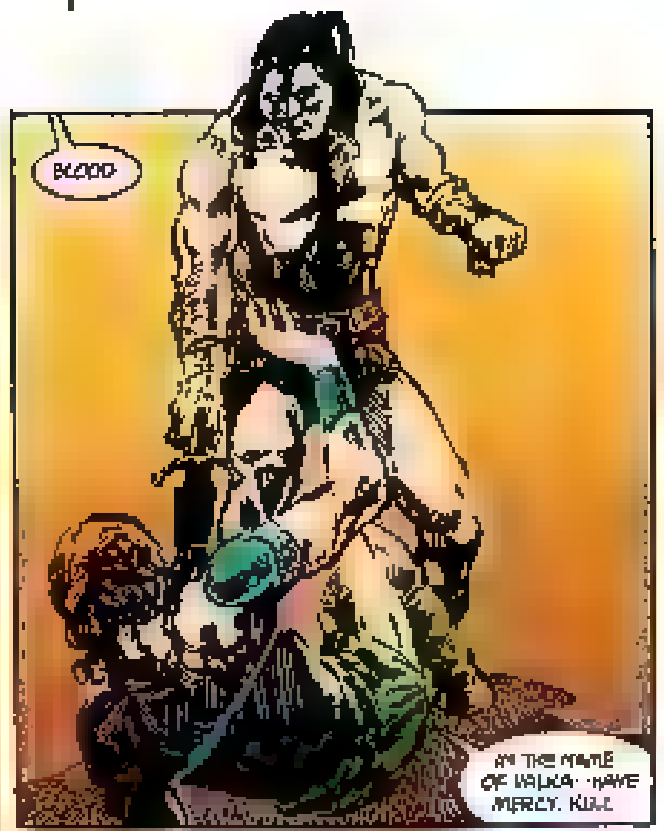


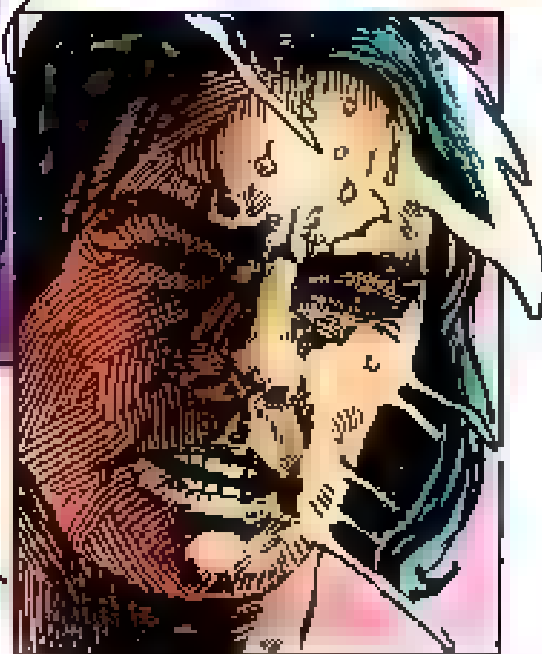
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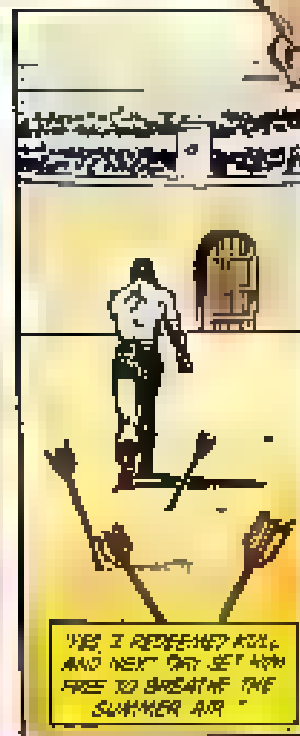




SO, NOW WILL YOUR  
LADY SARELLA FARE  
WITHOUT HER LOVE-  
STRUCK PUP?









THE FUTURE IS NOW  
NOT EARLY, BUT NOW  
SHE'S FASHIONED  
HER EYES IN  
GLASS OF 2000  
FUTURE...

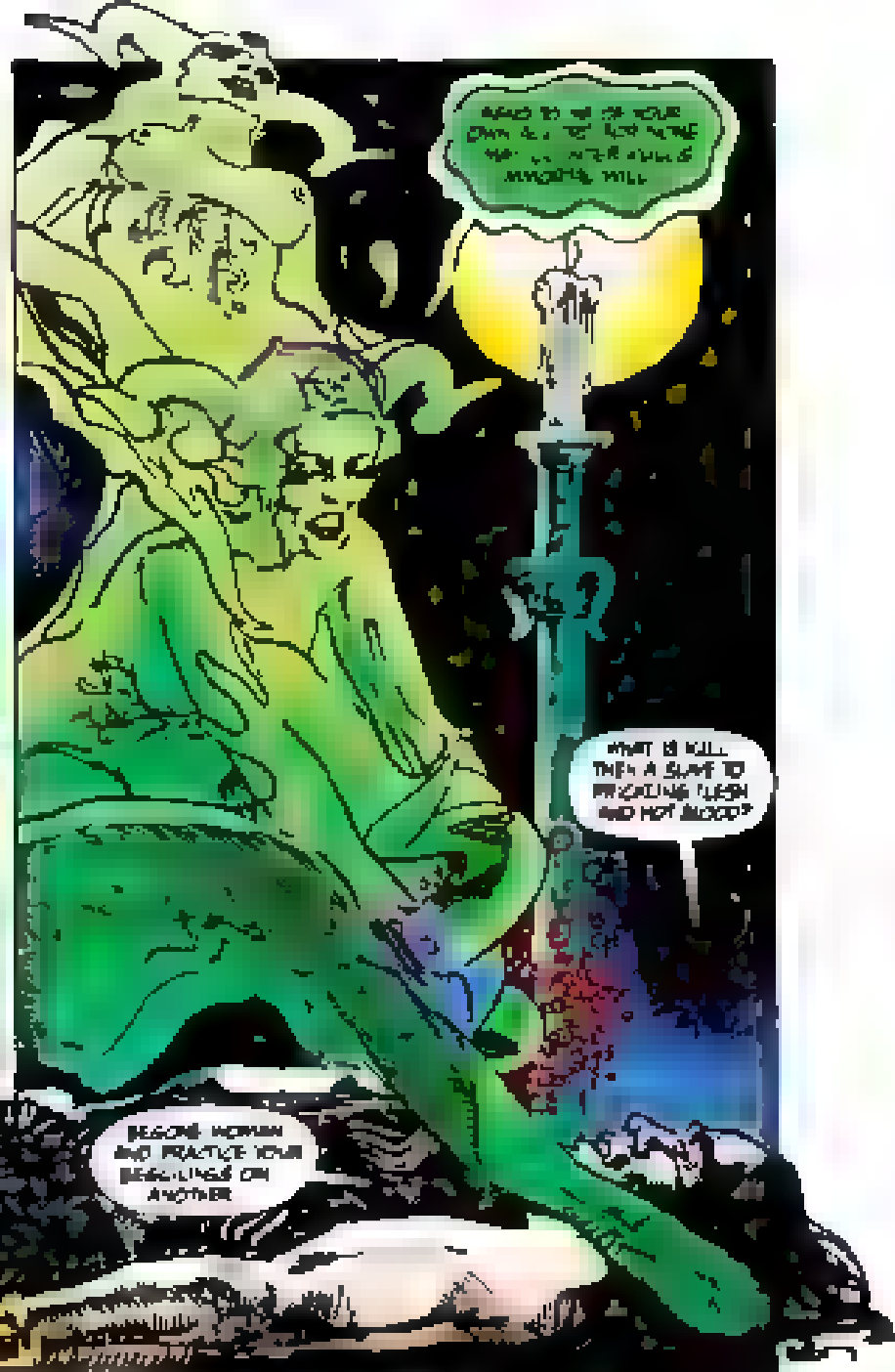
PAUL  
KING KILL

I COME FROM  
OLIVES BEYOND  
SPACE BEYOND  
TIME





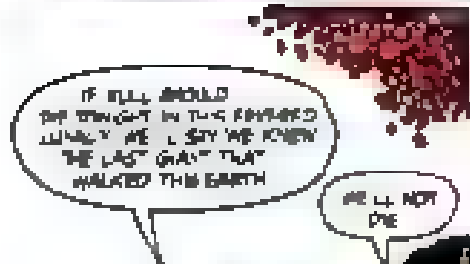
A WIDE SPREAD SHADOW  
OF DEATH AND ALL  
KINDS OF DARKNESS



WANT TO BE OF YOUR  
OWN? A LOT OF PEOPLE  
WANT TO BE OF YOUR  
OWN. WILL

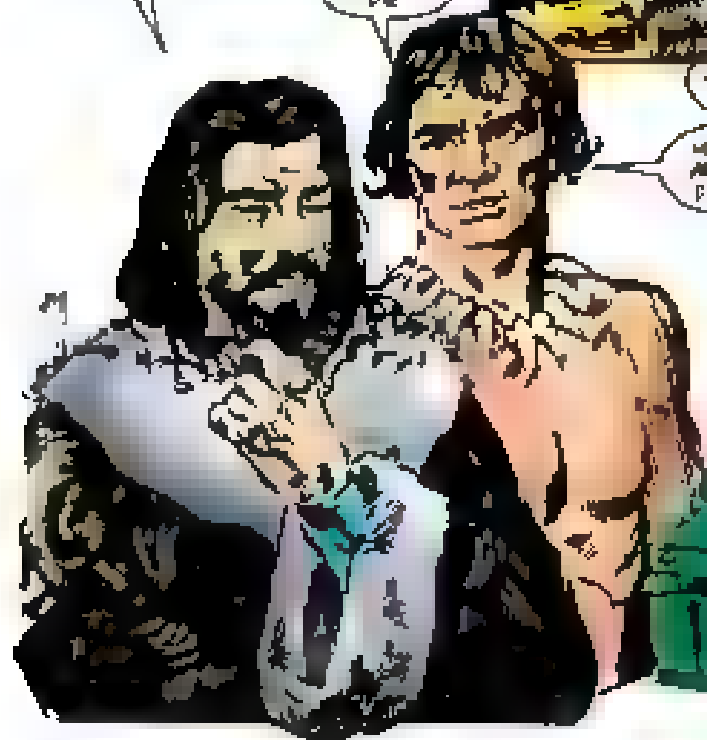
WHAT IS WILL  
THEN A SLAVE TO  
PICKING FLESH  
AND NOT BLOOD?

BECOME WOMAN  
AND PRACTICE YOUR  
BEGGING ON  
ANOTHER



IF WILL SHOULD  
BE THOUGHT IN THE FUTURE  
LIVING WE L SAY WE KNOW  
THE LAST GUY THAT  
WALKED THE EARTH

WE LL NOT  
DIE



YOU VE A PITY V S NOE S REAK  
OF STUBBORNNESS BRUCE

WE LL NOT  
DIE

FROM YOUR  
MOUTH TO YOUR  
EARS RED-SHIN

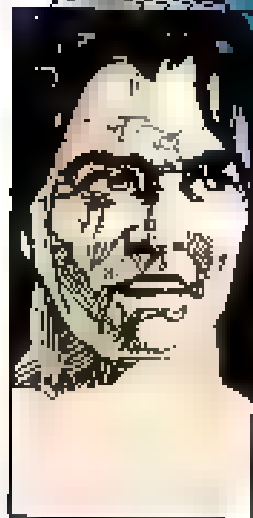




WAY I AM  
PERPLEXED

THE SCARLETH THRONE  
AWAITS ME

AND THERE  
ARE WORLDS TO  
CONQUER YET

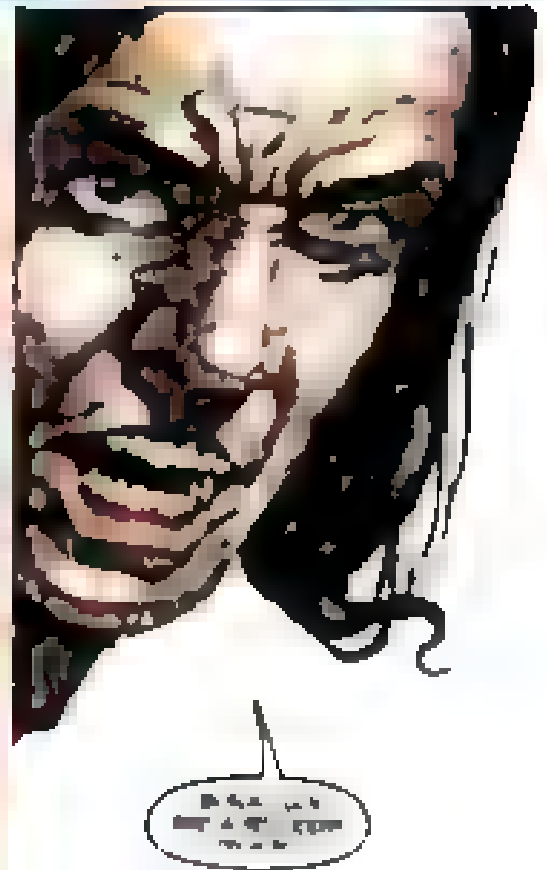
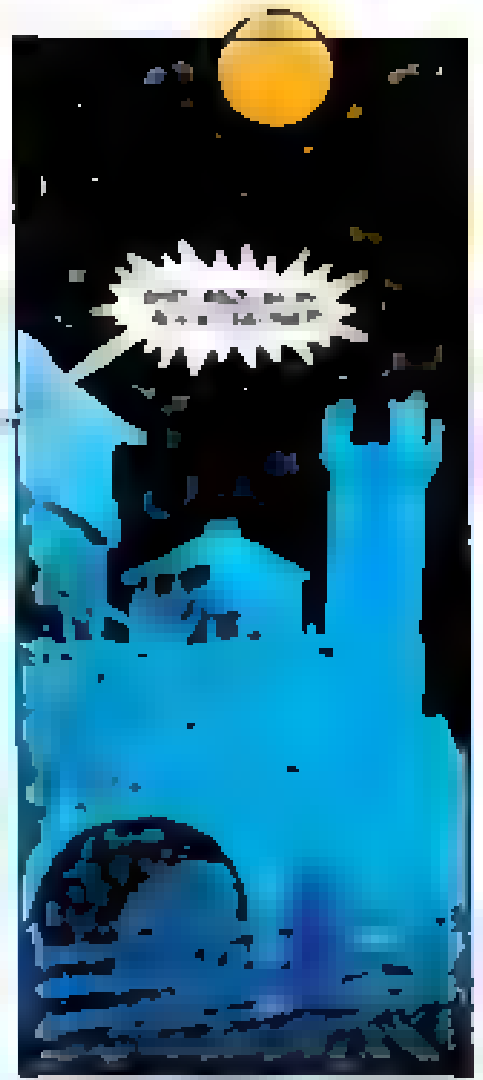
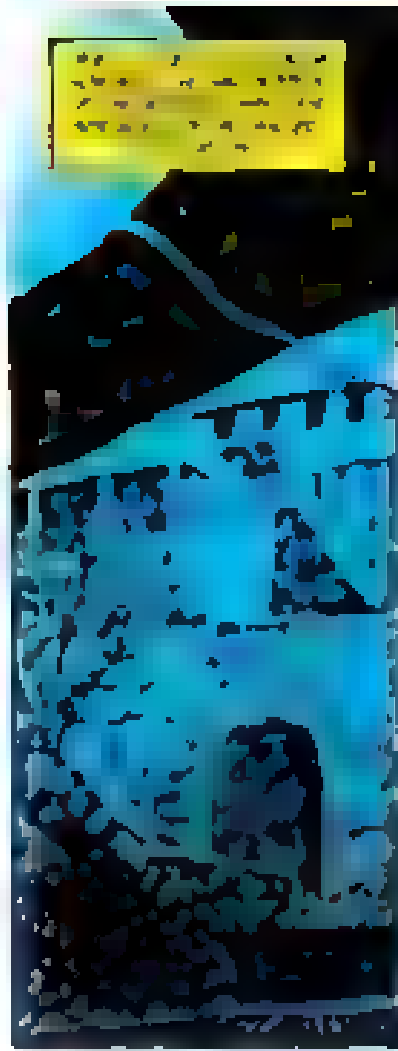


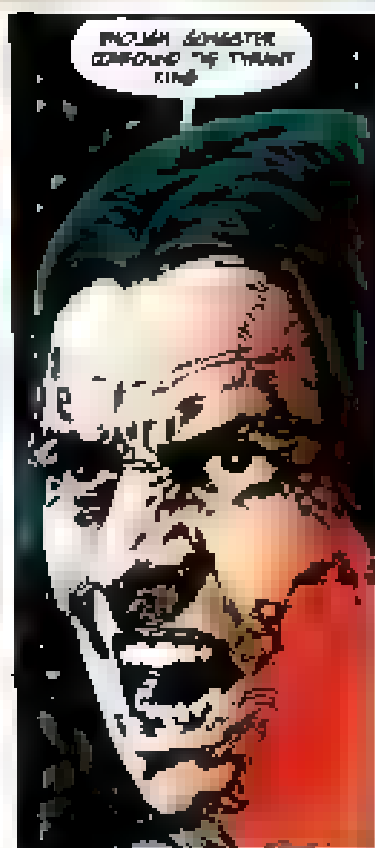
I AM  
WORTHY ENOUGH  
LORD KILL



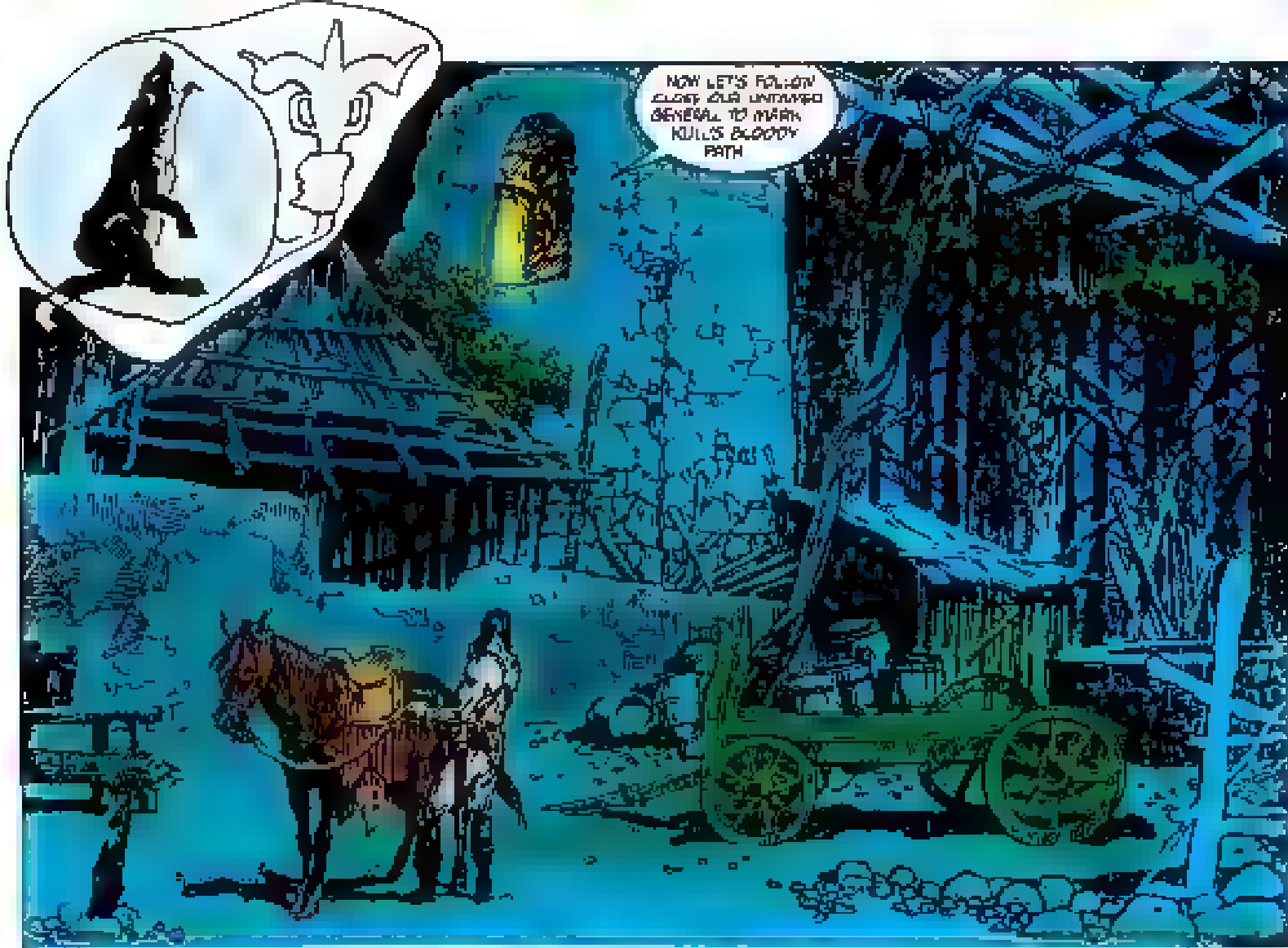
ALL AROUND  
US NATURE RITES  
UNITED BEINGS AND  
OPENS BURSTS  
THROUGH THE AIR  
STILL MORE

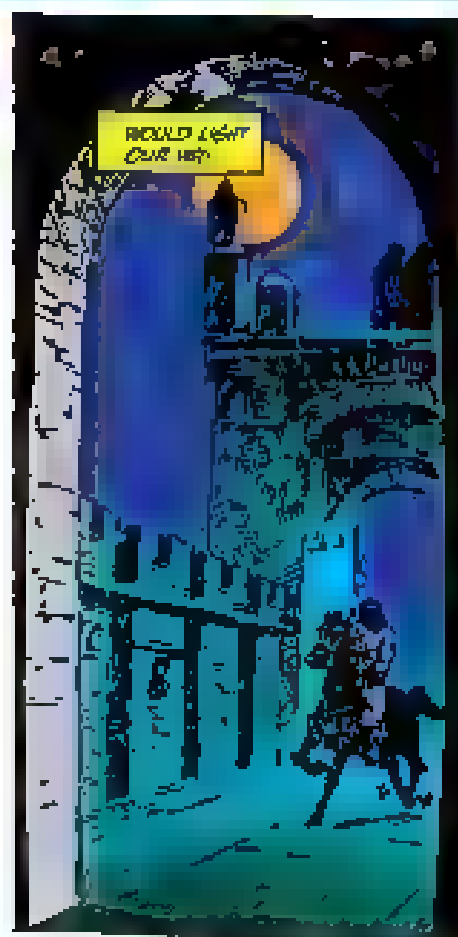
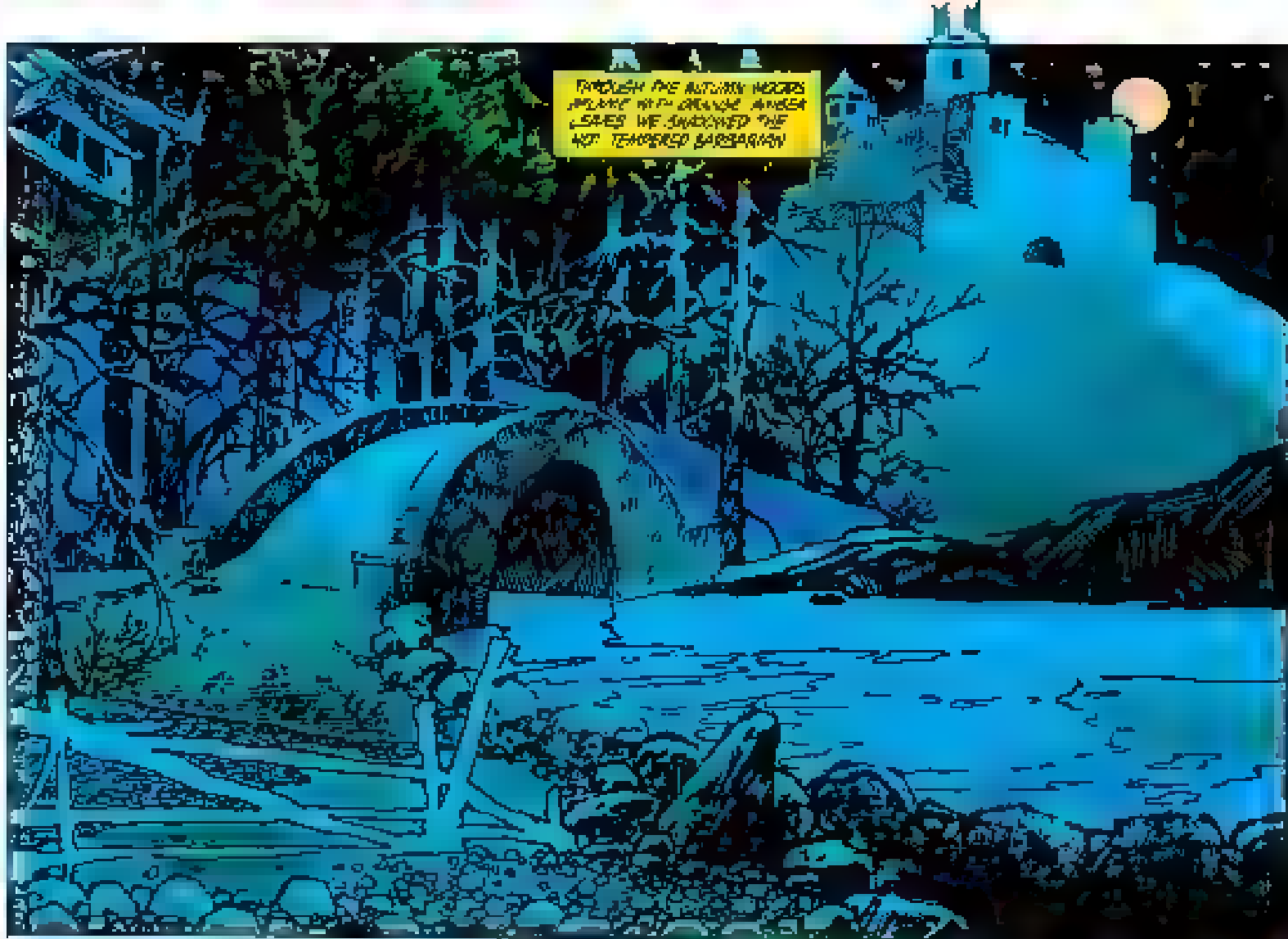
YET I AM  
BROUGHT TO MIND  
OF AN AUTUMN  
DAY





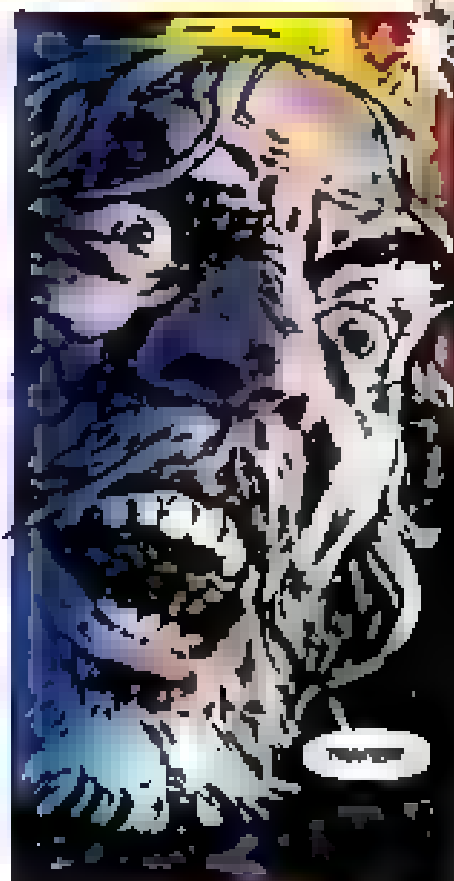














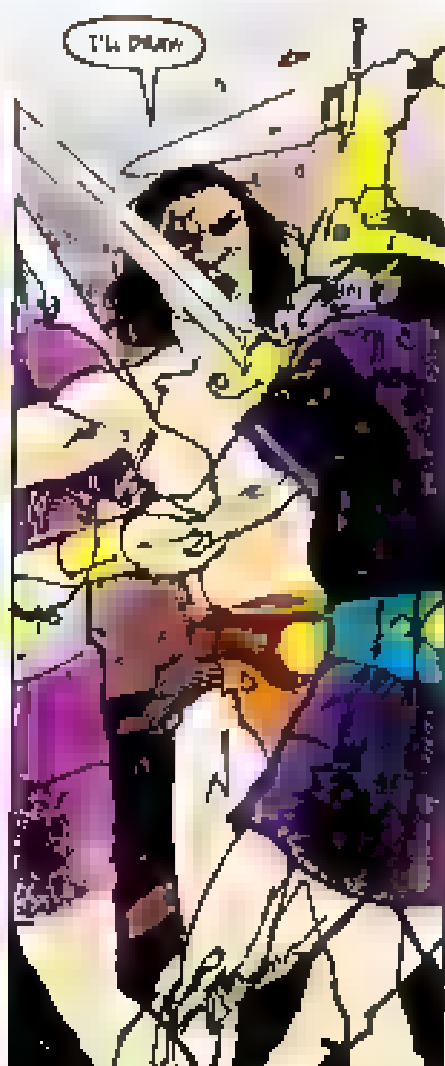
BRASH SCUM  
OF ATLANTIS

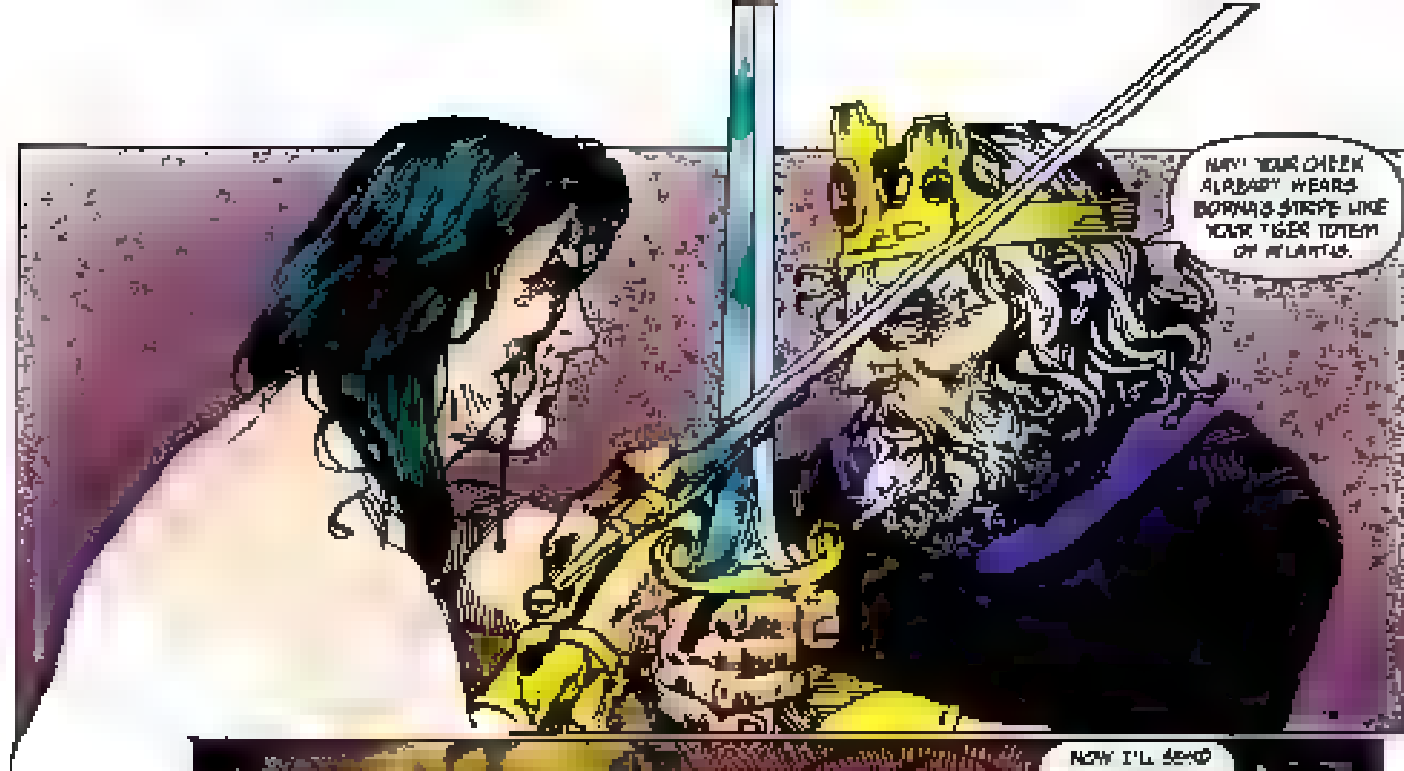


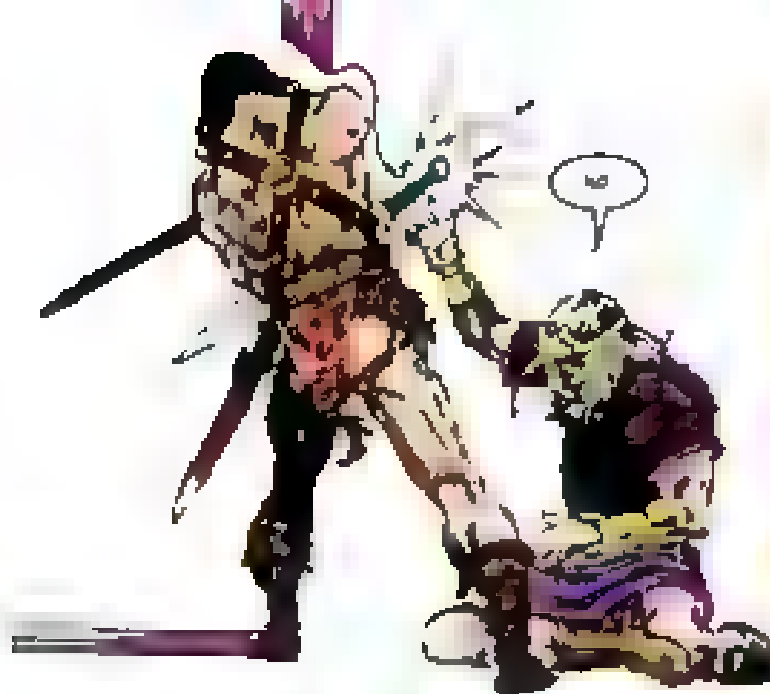
SEE WHO DRAWS  
FIRST BLOOD











I DID NOT KNOW THAT  
ABOUT THOUGH WE WERE  
GROWN UP TOGETHER

"HOW THE LEFT HAND KNOWS TO  
WAVE THOUGH TO THE RIGHT ALL THE  
CANT LIPS AND SWEET TROUBLES"

HE STOLE THE GOLDEN CROWN  
FROM BURNING WOUNDS. HE  
DID MORE. I SWEAR ON THE  
MOUNTAIN OF THE MOUNTAIN  
AND EVERY HEART TO HIS OWN

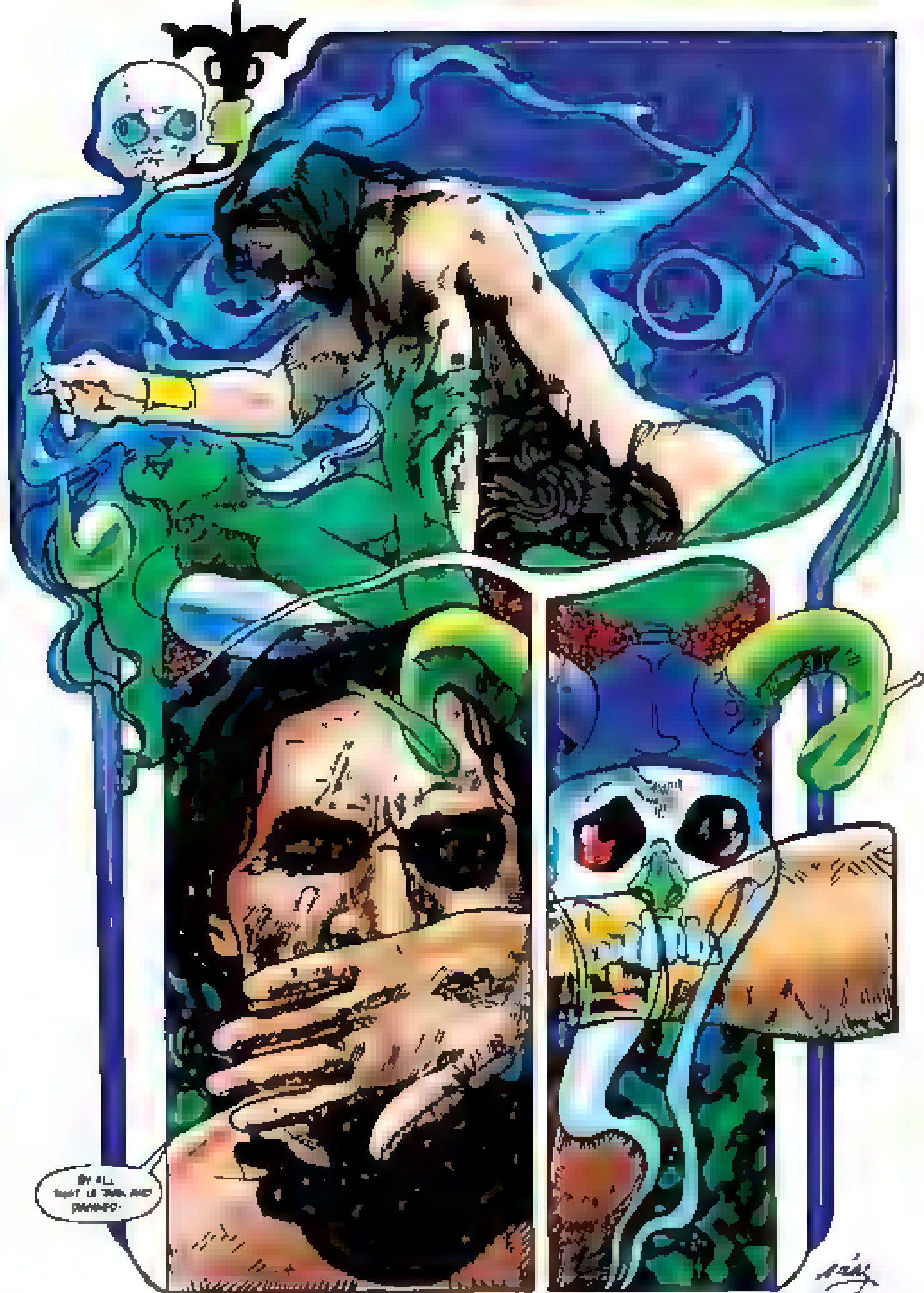
WASH YOUR  
HANDS OF BLOOD  
COME STEP TO

A DANCE  
OF LOVE AND  
DEATH

WASH YOUR HANDS  
AND ALL IT'S FOR THE BLOOD  
FURNISH THE MOUNTAIN

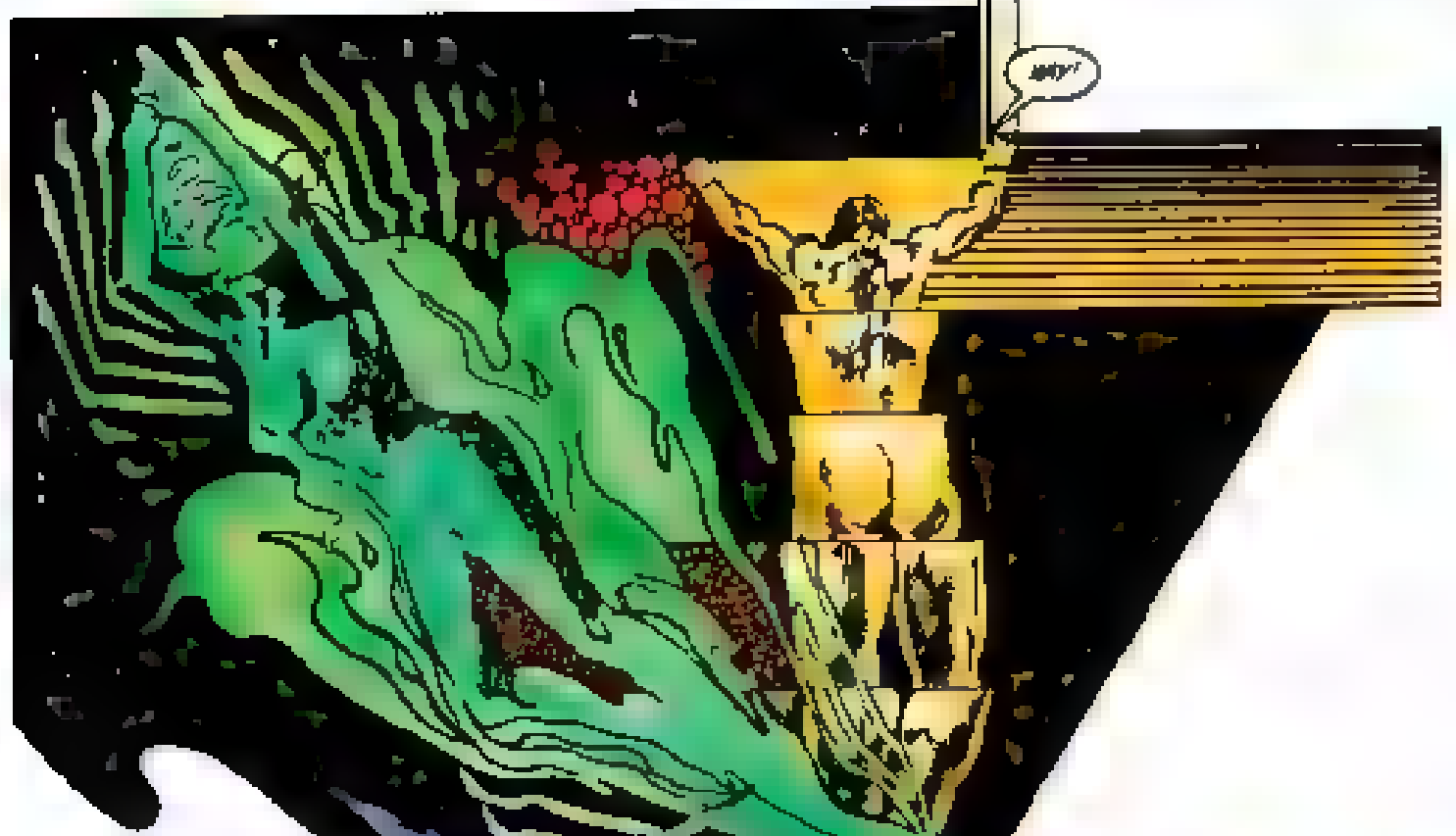
WALK STRIDE ME  
DOWN TO THE RAMP AND  
BATTLE IN WILDERNESS  
DYING NOISE

WAS  
NOW HERE  
SUCCEEDING?



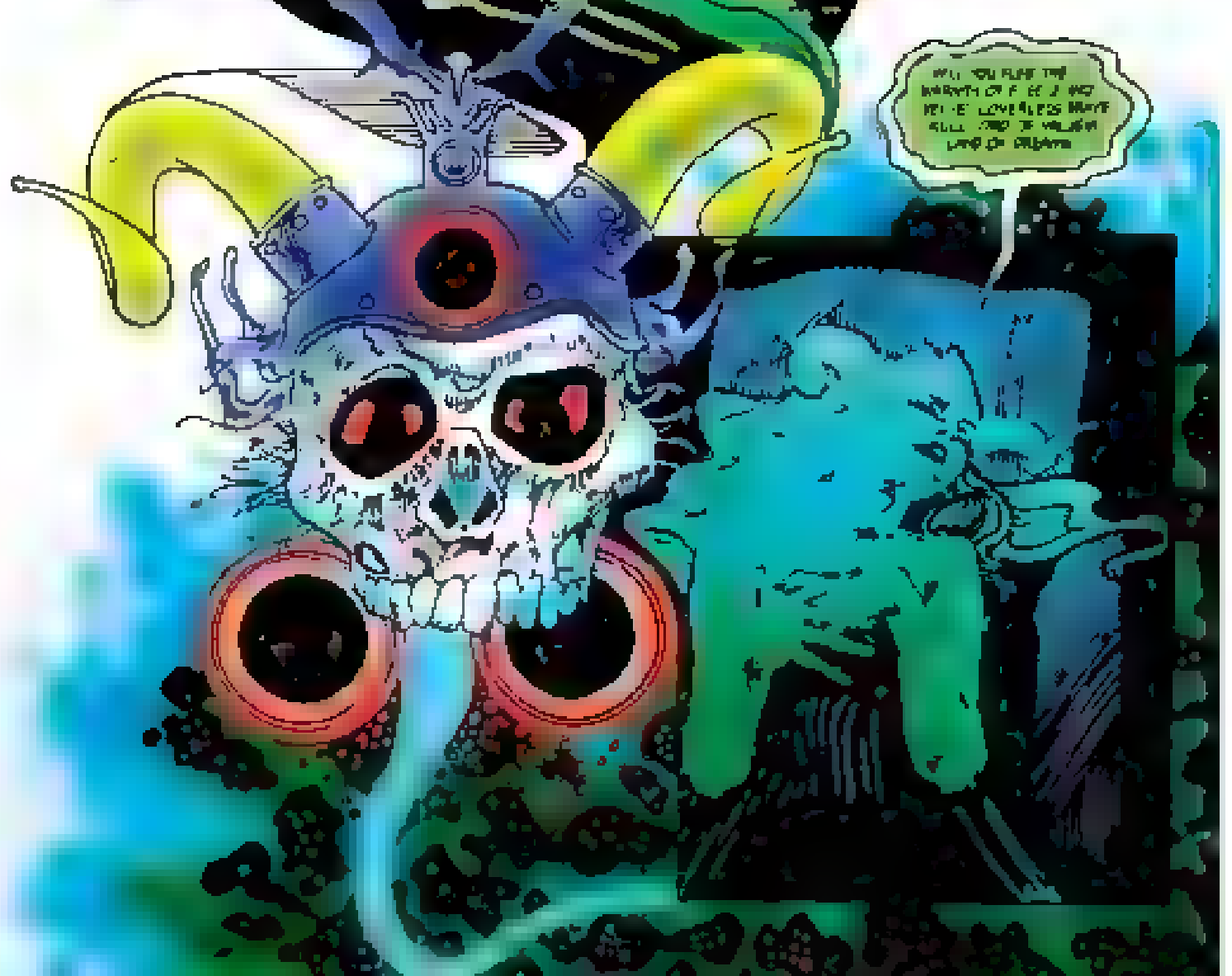
BY ALL THAT IS DARK AND DAMNED.

A.C.A.  
10/1/20

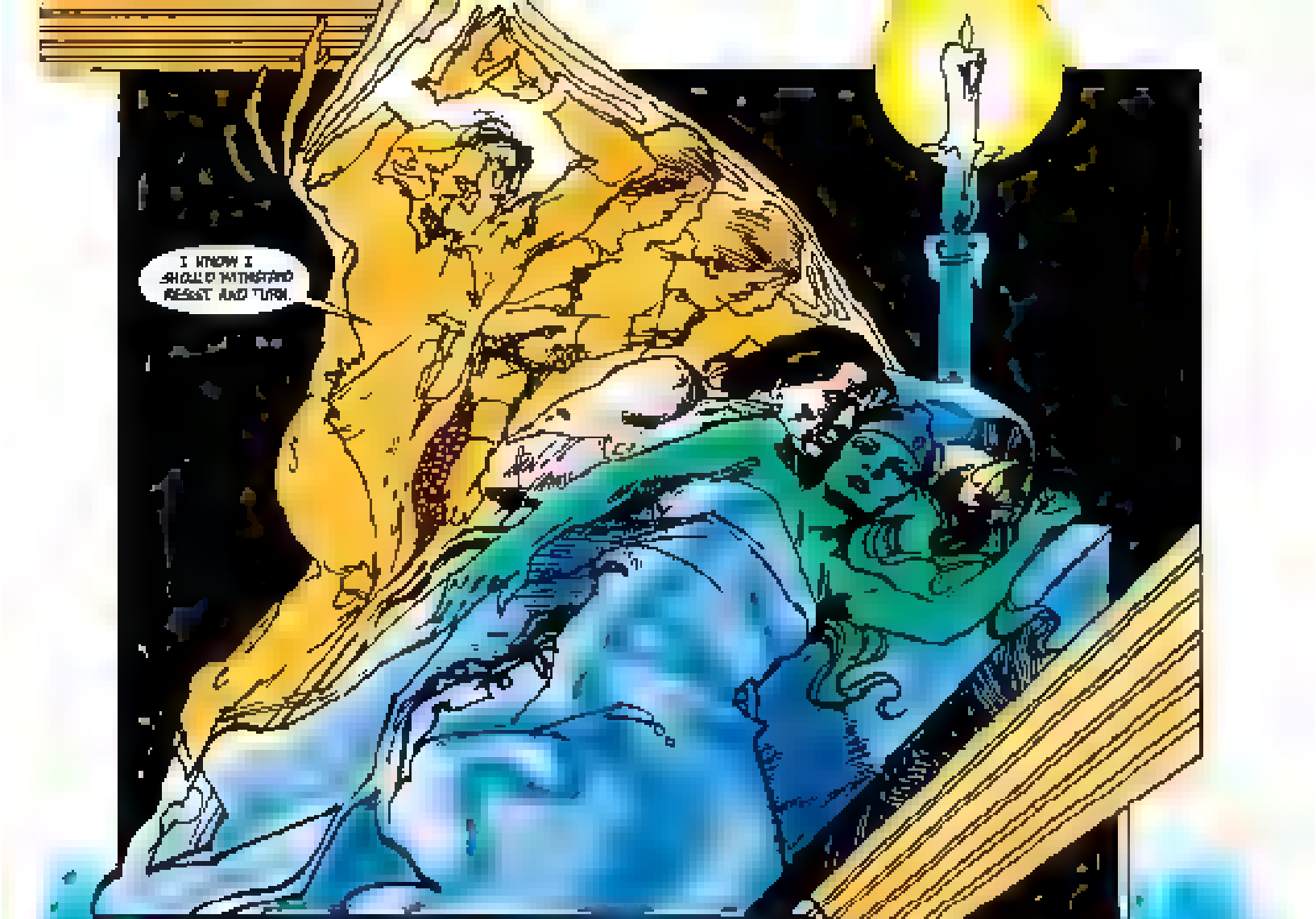


HEY!

WILL YOU PLEASE THE  
WARRANTY OF F. H. J. AND  
THE LOVERLESS HAVE  
ALL COME TO VALLEY  
LAND ON ORANGE



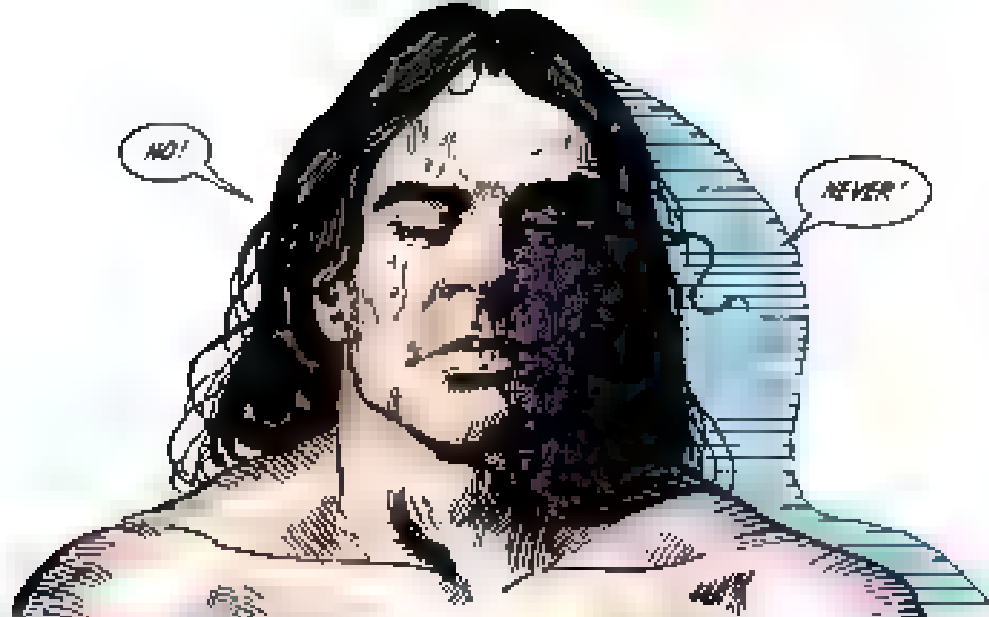




I KNOW I  
SHOULD WITHSTAND  
RESIST AND TURN.



AND YET  
I CLING. I  
CLING.

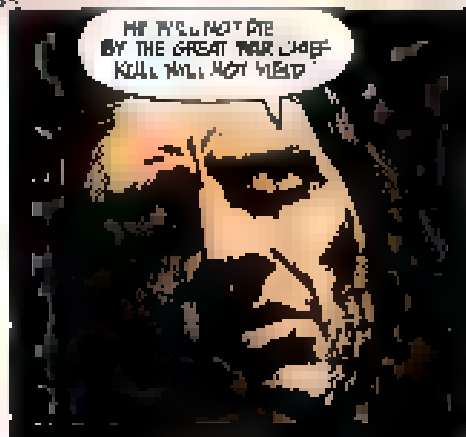


NO!

NEVER!



WITH WHAT INVISIBLE  
SPIRITS DOES A DYING  
MAN DISCOVER?



HE WILL NOT DIE  
BY THE GREAT WAR CHIEF  
KILL WILL NOT YIELD



BUT IF HE  
HERE--

AND WHAT IS DEATH?  
A JOURNEY ACROSS  
ETERNITY? A PASSAGE  
OVER COSMIC SEAS?



COME COME! SURELY  
YOU'LL NOT PLAY THE  
METAPHYSICIST?

THERE IS BUT  
ONE REAL WORLD.  
THE ONE WE SMELL  
AND TOUCH

WHERE WHO AND  
HOW? FIRST RUDDY A  
MAN'S COMPLEXION  
AND A STUBBED TEE  
SMELLS RED AND  
RAW

WHEN A DEAD MAN'S  
BURIED IN SOIL HE  
HOWLERS TO DUST

FOGISHED

ALL ELSE  
IS FRAUD AND  
ILLUSION

"HE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN, WOULD HE? SUBSCRIBE TO SO COMMON SENSE! A MAN OF THOSE, DREAMER THAT HE WAS... IS."



"SUFFERING EVER AFTER SPIRITS AND TRICKING SUPERSTITIONS OF MYSTERY AND ILLUSION."

"SOME STRANGE AND SECRET WISDOM HE HAS ALWAYS SOUGHT AS THOUGH THERE WERE SUCH-BETWEEN THE LUTERAN OF THIS WORLD."



"OFTENTIMES I'VE SEEN HIS EYES GO BLANK AS IF HE WERE IN HIS MIND..."

"AS THOUGH THEIR GAZE FELL ON SOME HILL & THE BRIDGE THIS HILL SPACED THROUGH WHICH HE WOULD DALL GRIFFLE."

"WHENEVER I'VE SEEN HIM, I'VE SHOWN AT HIS INCREDIBLE VISIONS COME COME AND WOULD DO YOU REALLY PUT STOCK IN THE MAGIC VISIONS OF SUCH THINGS IN TALKING CATS AND WIZARDRY?"

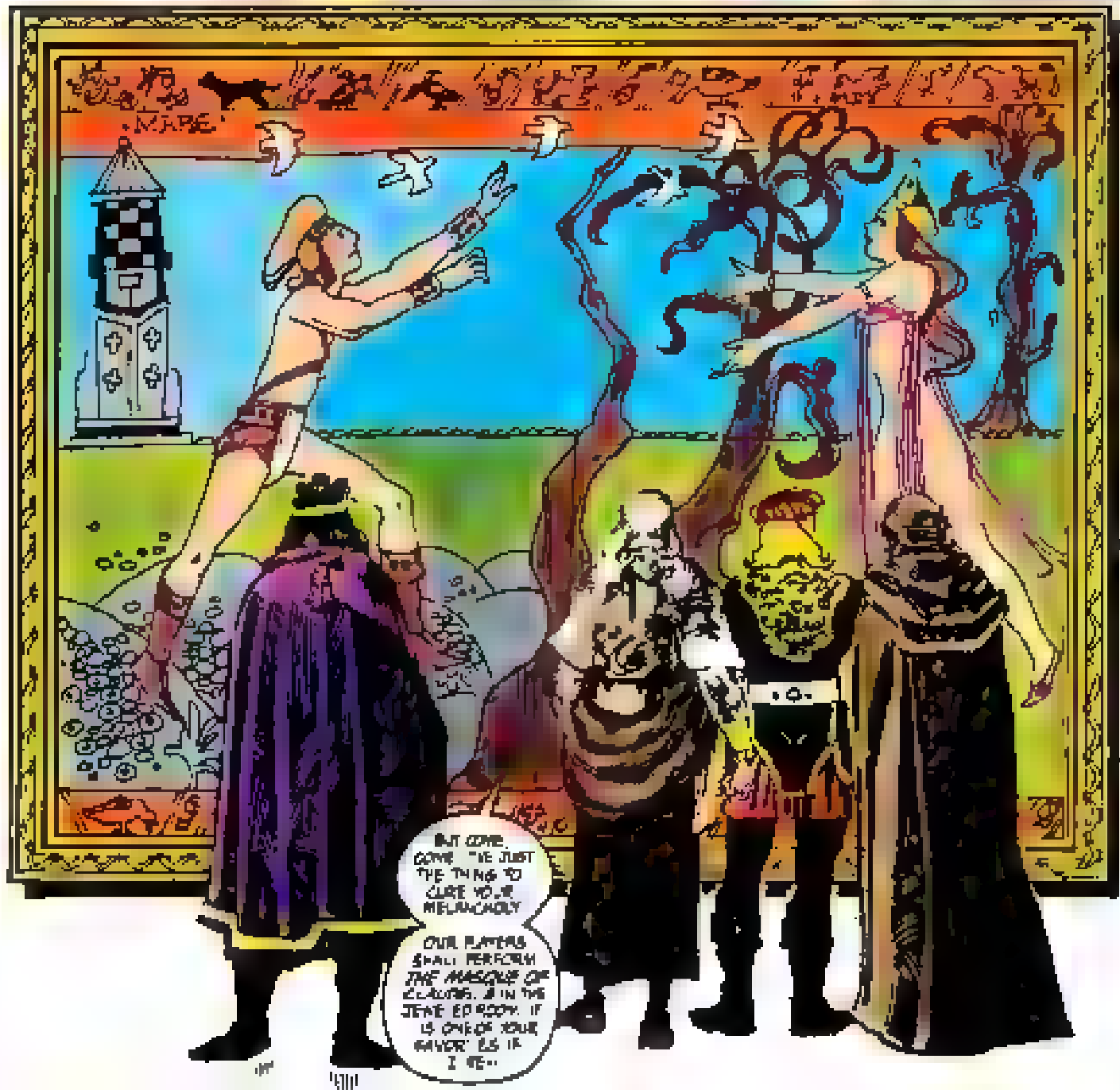
"IT HAPPENED ONCE IN APTOLA, THE PLEASURE CITY OF SNOWY MARBLE TO THE NORTH..."



RICHMOND: IF I AM WEARY WITH THIS COURT I FEEL A STRANGENESS UPON ME AND A LONGING BEYOND LIFE'S LONGING

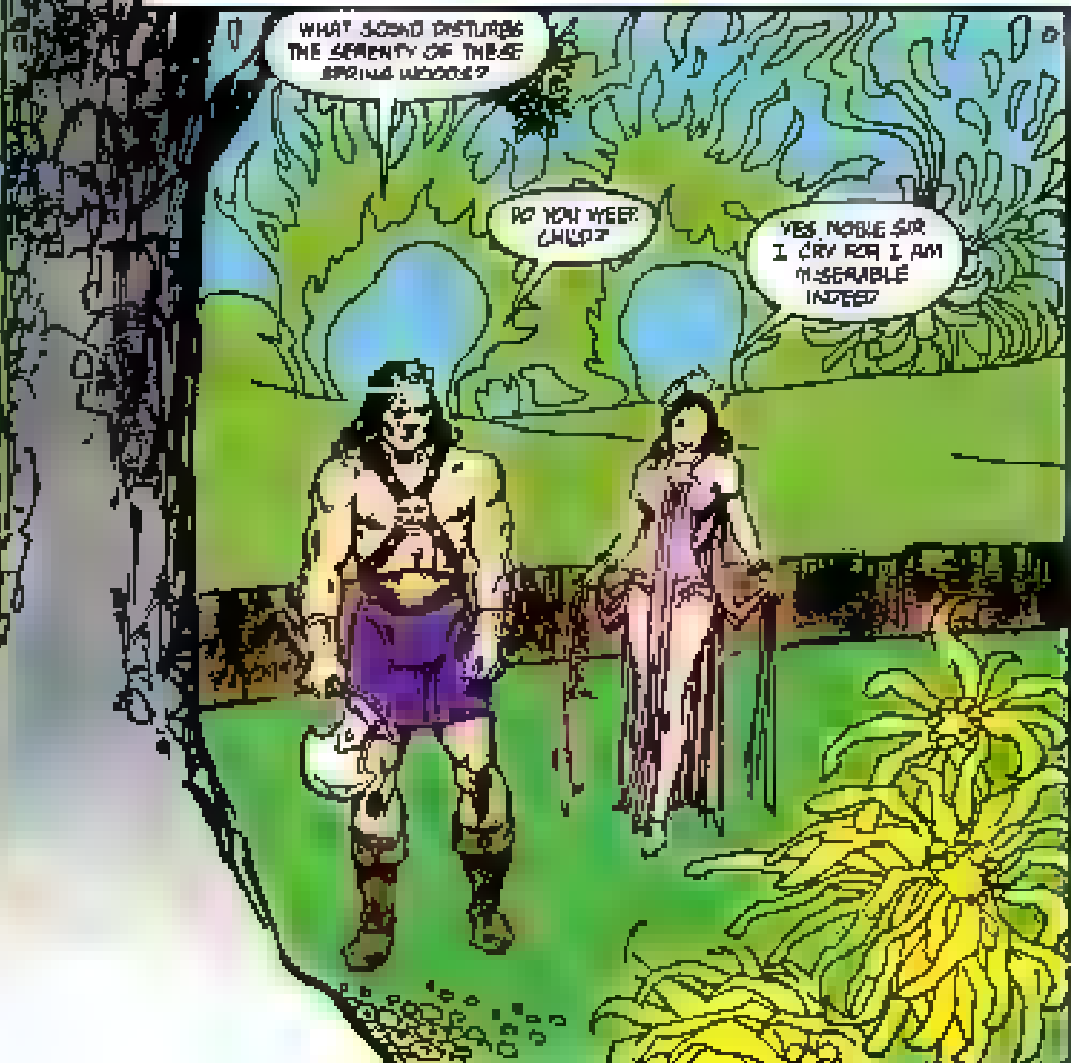


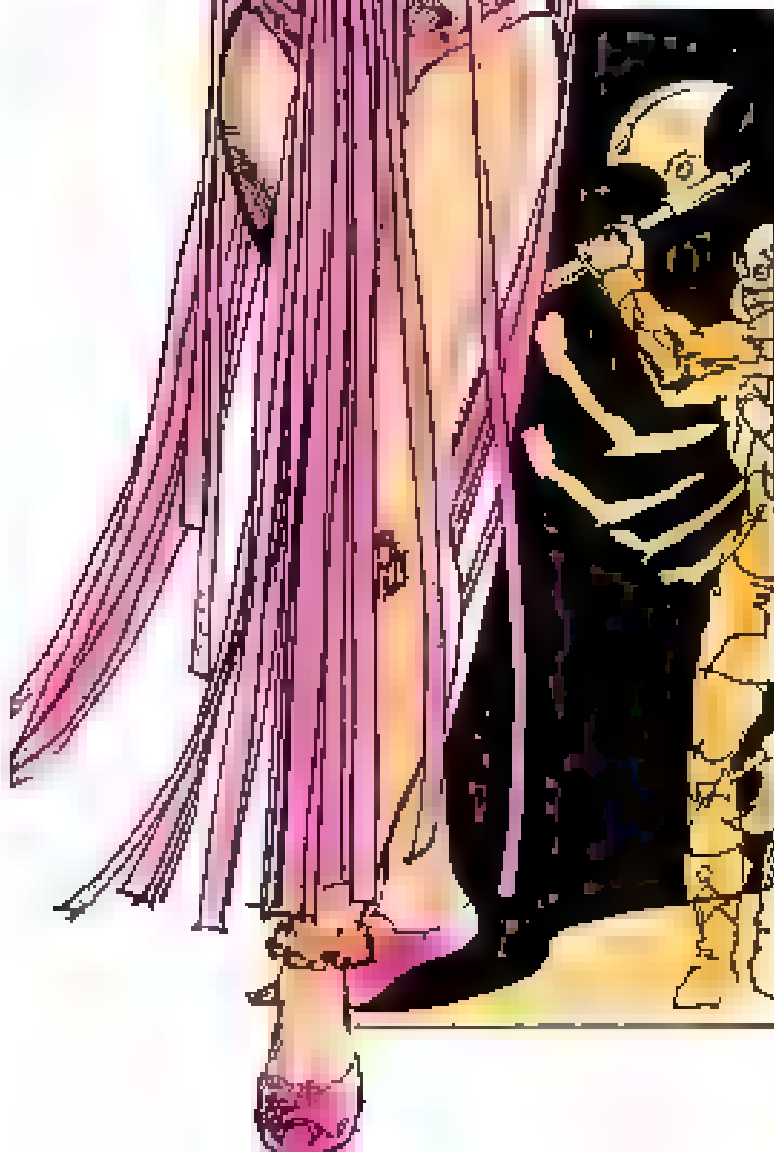










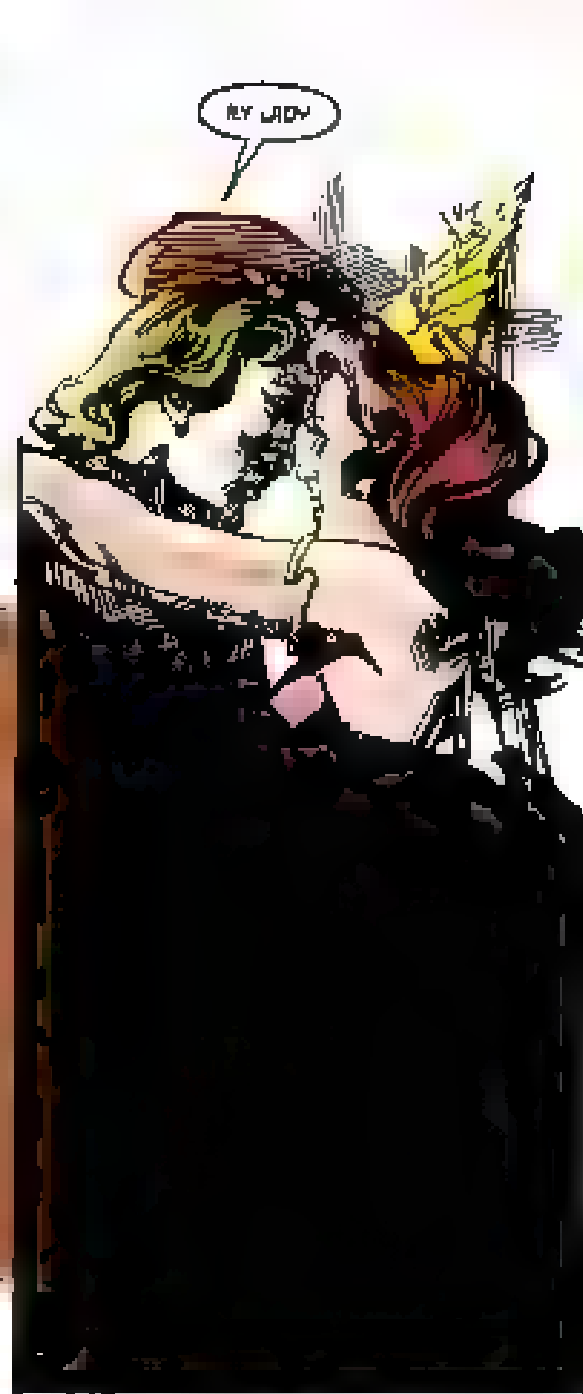
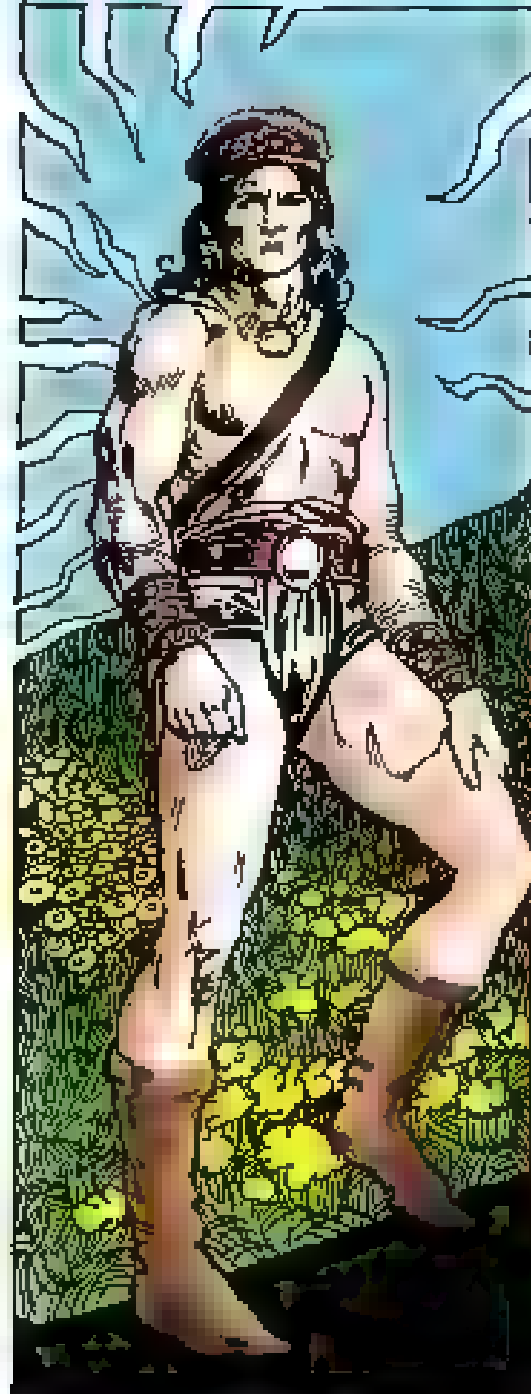




THERE'S LOVE'S  
FOOTBRIDGE THEN.  
GIRL RUN SAGGS.

OH, KINDER  
MOST GEMEROUS  
OF SPIRIT!

MOST  
CHIVALROUS  
OF KNIGHTS!

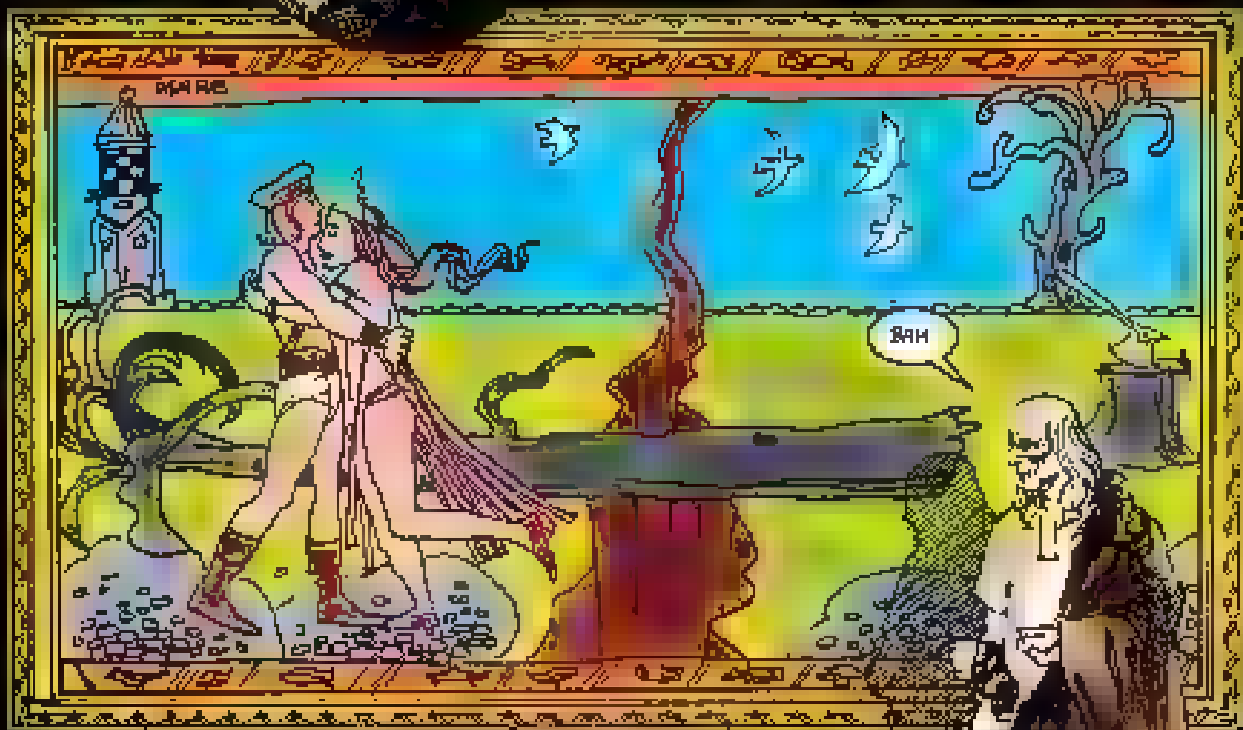








WELL, MORE THE  
PRESQUES OF KATELLA  
WERE MAGICAL AND  
STRANGE



"I CHECKED THEM LATER BY  
MYSELF AND NOTED ONLY THAT  
THE WALLS KEPT FRESH  
WHITENESS AND SPARKLE HA!"



NOW PUT THESE YOUR  
LIPS TO MINE AND I SHALL  
RETURN KISSES HARD  
AND NUMBERED

MUST  
YIELD  
GODDESS?



MUST I THEN  
ALREADY DIE?

FOR THERE ARE GREAT  
AND TERRIBLE THINGS I  
WOULD YET DO--

TOPPLE MOUNTAINS  
TO THE EARTH, AND  
BEND MY BOW TO THE  
SUN'S FIERY EYE...


...DAM UP THE  
VERY OCEANS, AND  
CATCH THE WINDS  
IN OPEN NETS...

...THEN CAST THEM  
IN BREEZES TOWARD  
LOVERS ON THEIR  
SWINGS BENEATH  
THE BOUGHS...

...TO DREAM ALL  
MADNESS IN ONE NIGHT  
AND "WAKE UP ALL"  
KNOWINGS IN THE  
MORN!

THEN WHEN I HAVE  
PROVEN YOUR WORTHY  
MATE, MISTRESS, LET US  
KISS ACROSS A MILLION  
WORLDS UNTIL ETERNITY  
ITSELF DARKENS  
AND DIES.

KULL



YOU DO SEDUCE YOUR  
SERVANT WITH WORDS THAT  
PROMISE MIGHTY DEEDS  
OF SIN AND HEART

MORE A  
TRUTH THAN MERE  
WORDS

FOR KILL'S  
WORDS ARE  
MAYHEM  
DEEDS

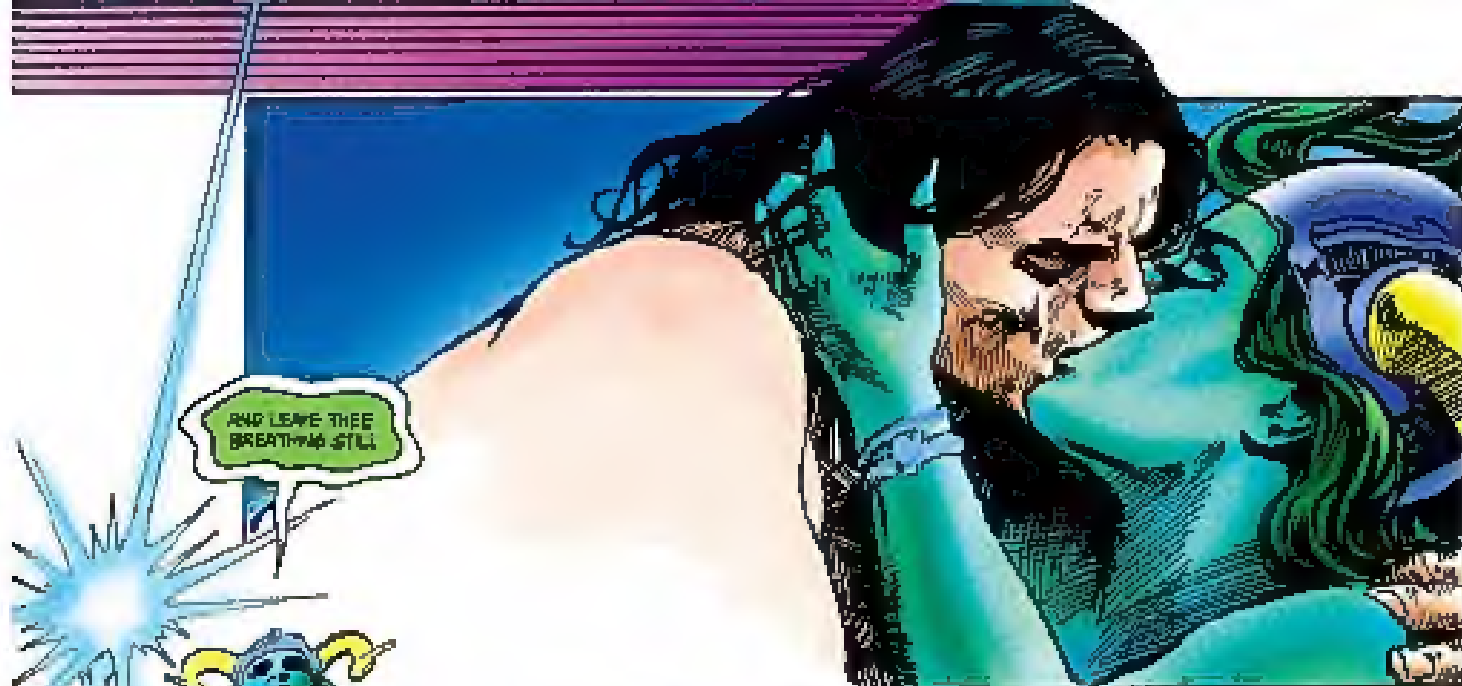
AND KILL'S  
DEEDS ARE LIFE'S  
MAGNIFICENCE

COME THEN  
I SHALL DO WHAT  
HAS NEVER BEEN

BEFORE THE SPACE  
UNPARALLELED IN  
MORTAL TIME

FOR DEATH  
SHALL RISE AT  
THY FLESHY  
LIPS





AND LEAVE THEE  
BREATHING STILL



TO LIFE'S BATTLE  
WARRIOR AND KNIGHT  
THY MISTRESS SHALL  
WAIT 'TIL THY RETURN



WHAT COUNSELORS  
WILL YOU STAND ABOUT  
LIKE HIRED  
MOURNERS?

SUN'S UP, AND  
THERE ARE DEEDS  
TO BE DONE



FOR KULL'S YET  
KING UPON VALLISIA'S  
THRONE.



### KULL THE CONQUEROR...

In the timelost age of Atlantis — an age of heroes, broadswords, and ancient sorcery — King Kull strides like a colossus across the Seven Empires.

A fire-eyed barbarian of superhuman strength, Kull carves a path of blood and havoc to the Topaz Throne of Valusia, Land of Dreams.

There his name becomes legend for great and terrible deeds. But unrest ever stirs Kull's soul, and he longs for the strange and secret wisdom beyond the curtains of reality.

Then one day, waging war against the kingdom of Commona, Kull falls wounded in battle on the gore-strewn field. Now Kull the Magnificent must face his darkest foe as Death comes to call in a guise of deadly and seductive beauty.